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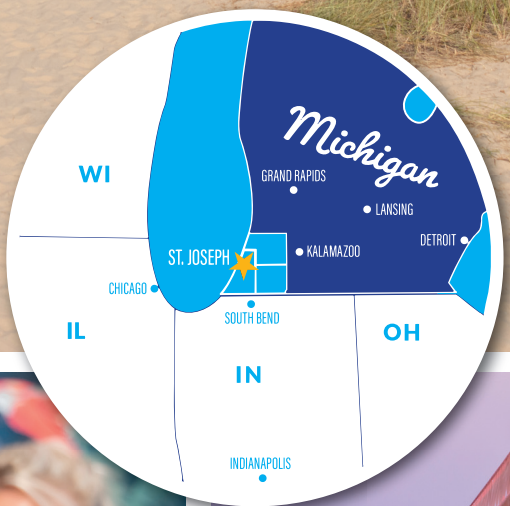

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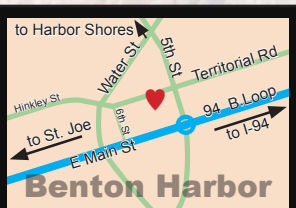

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This guide — proudly presented by Visit Southwest Michigan and Far Ahead Advertising — is your invitation to slow down, explore, and experience the magic of our lakeshore communities. Escape to Southwest Michigan... and make every moment unforgettable.

Sincerely,

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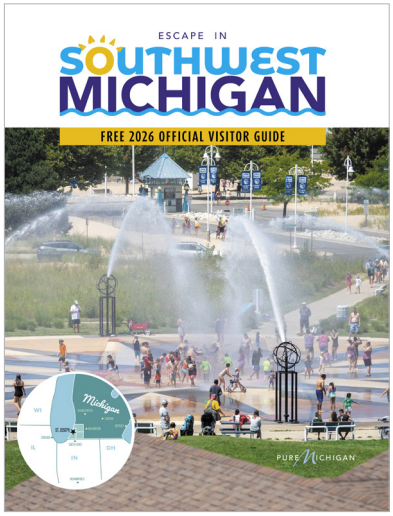

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Ya Gotta Be Kidding!

CURIOUS KIDS' DISCOVERY ZONE

EDEN SPRINGS PARK

FUN-FILLED KID ADVENTURES

In Southwest Michigan, every day is a new adventure filled with fun, learning, and plenty of smiles! Plan your trip and create memories your family will treasure.

WHIRLPOOL COMPASS FOUNTAIN

Make a splash at Michigan's largest interactive fountain, where water sprays reach over 30 feet high and water cannons fire every 15 minutes. Just across the street from Silver Beach Center, this 200-foot-wide fountain is a favorite for cooling off on warm days.

SILVER BEACH CAROUSEL

Start your adventure at the Silver Beach Carousel. With 48 charming figures—horses, tigers, a hippocampus, and even a raptor—this carousel is a magical experience for kids and kids at heart. Enjoy thousands of twinkling lights, music from a classic band organ, and fun activities. Don't miss the **Silver Beach Amusement Park Museum,** where a detailed model of the old park, fun-house mirrors, and historic photos bring its 1892–1971 heyday to life.
(See more on page 15.)

CURIOUS KIDS' DISCOVERY ZONE

Keep the learning (and laughter) going at this hands-on museum. Geared for ages 1–10 but fun for everyone, it features:

- **Lake Michigan Water Table:** Sail handmade boats through currents and locks.
- **25-Foot Lighthouse Tower:** Climb wave-shaped steps to the top for views of Lake Michigan.
- **Recollections Exhibit:** Dance and watch light and color mimic your movements on a giant screen.
- **Toddle Beach:** A safe, gated area for kids four and under, complete with a fun house and a boat to "steer" onto shore.

(See more on page 15.)

EDEN SPRINGS PARK

Step back in time at the House of David's historic amusement park. Ride miniature trains on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer. Seasonal train rides three weeks before Halloween and Christmas add a festive touch to your visit.

HIDDEN POINTE

Hidden Pointe packs plenty of action with an exciting 18-hole miniature golf course, go-karts on a 1,000-foot banked track, batting cages, arcades, and Eddie Cole's Jumpshot basketball. It's a one-stop spot for hours of family fun!
(See more on page 66.)

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BENTON HARBOR

Eden Springs Park – Step back in time at the historic House of David amusement park, featuring miniature trains running on weekends during the summer. Special rides are also available three weeks before Halloween and Christmas. 793 M-139.

Hidden Pointe Fun Park – A seasonal, family-friendly destination with mini-golf, go-karts, batting cages, and Jumpshot basketball fun. 1062 Nickerson Ave. *(See more on page 66.)*

BUCHANAN

Bear Cave & Resort – The only cavern in the Great Lakes area, Bear Cave features a 40-foot winding staircase where visitors can explore stalactites, petrified leaves, and unique formations. This 15-foot deep, 4–6-foot wide, 10–15-foot high cave is rich with history. Open May–October with an admission fee. Hours vary. 4085 Bear Cave Rd.

HARTFORD

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BEAR CAVE & RESORT
BUCHANAN

ST. JOSEPH

Curious Kids' Discovery Zone – A hands-on experience where kids aged 1-10 can play, create, and learn. Located inside the Silver Beach Center. 333 Broad St.

Lumberjax Urban Axe Throwing – Perfect your axe-throwing skills, or just let off some steam with axe throwing, a rage room, smash room, knife throwing, ninja stars, and a retro arcade. 2808 Niles Ave.

Tall Ship MJ – Experience intimate sailing with a limited capacity of just 6 passengers. 800 Whitwam Dr. *(See more on page 68.)*

Silver Beach Carousel – Enjoy the charm of 48 hand-carved, magnificent figures, plus two chariots, inside the Silver Beach Center. 333 Broad St. *(See more on page 15.)*

Slackers Family Fun Center & Laser Tag – Family fun for everyone with laser tag, bounce houses, arcade games, and billiards. 1155 Vineland Rd.

Southwest Michigan Cycleboat – Pedal your way through the St. Joseph harbor with up to 16 people, enjoying stops at local bars and eateries along the way. 800 Whitwam Dr.

SOUTH HAVEN

Lake Arvesta Farms – Southwest Michigan's top adventure park, featuring a 4-lake Aqua Park, pickleball courts, and an 18-hole disc golf course. There's outdoor fun for the whole family! 06464 Arvesta Dr.

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SILVER BEACH CAROUSEL

Make a lifetime of memories at the Silver Beach Carousel! Pick your favorite figure to ride from 48 magnificent, hand-carved figures and two chariots. Your heart will soar as you spin beneath 1,000 twinkling lights. Learn about the area's fascinating history from the 18 rounding boards circling above the carousel. Explore the fun-filled days of the Silver Beach Amusement Park (1892 to 1971) with the memorabilia filling the carousel house and attached museum. Or, grab a bag of fresh popcorn or cotton candy from the refreshment stand and listen to the happiest music on earth.

SHADOWLAND ON SILVER BEACH

This beautiful reception and meeting facility is just steps away from Silver Beach. Shadowland on Silver Beach is the perfect location for destination beach weddings and receptions in Southwest Michigan. The venue accommodates everything from small intimate gatherings to large weddings of up to 275 guests, with plenty of offerings to delight your guests on your special day.

CURIOUS KIDS' DISCOVERY ZONE

The Curious Kids' Discovery Zone entertains small children to fifth graders with its interactive climbing, water, tactile and traveling exhibits. It is a must-stop for exploratory fun. This space is geared for ages 1-10, but all are invited to come "play, learn, and be curious!" The kids will love the Lake Michigan Water Table, where they can sail handmade boats through the lake currents and lock system. Another favorite exhibit is the 25-foot Lighthouse Tower, encouraging little visitors to climb the wave steps to the top and gaze out the window to catch a peek of Lake Michigan. And check out Recollections, a wall-sized dance exhibit where light and color mimic your movements on the screen.

ACTIVITY & HISTORY MASH-UP!

10 Tips for Visiting the Silver Beach Carousel

No trip to St. Joseph is complete without riding the Silver Beach Carousel. This local landmark celebrates our amusement park past while bringing the Carousel tradition forward for generations to come! Before you plan your trip, here are 10 tips for making the most of your visit to the Carousel:

1. Buy your tokens in bulk
2. Make time to splash and eat
3. Save room for refreshments
4. Learn about the Silver Beach Amusement Park
5. Bring quarters
6. Stay updated on events on their Facebook page.
7. Plan ahead for parking
8. Bring the whole family
9. Shop the Brass Ring Gift Shop
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FARMS & MARKETS

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Today, visitors are welcomed to wander these orchards and fields, meet the families who farm them, and experience the joy of picking produce straight from the source. From sun-ripened strawberries and blueberries to peaches, apples, grapes, and more, the flavors are as fresh as it gets. And when the seasons change, you'll also find pumpkin patches, holiday evergreens, and plenty of moments you'll want to remember long after your visit.

Create Unforgettable Moments on the Farm

A trip to Southwest Michigan farms is more than just a grocery run—it's an experience. Imagine riding a hay wagon out to the orchards, laughing through a corn maze, or enjoying a picnic under the trees. Watch cows being milked and treat yourself to fresh, creamy ice cream afterward. Play a round of outdoor games with Grandma and Grandpa, or wander a pumpkin patch in search of the perfect one.

Whether you're picking apples in the fall, searching for the most beautiful Christmas tree, or savoring the sweetness of summer berries, these farm adventures will quickly become a cherished tradition for your family.

Harvest time

Wondering when to visit for your farm-fresh favorites? Use the harvest availability chart (check the green bars!) to plan your trip. But remember, nature can be unpredictable—always call ahead to confirm your favorite fruits, veggies, or seasonal delights are ready for picking.

COME & GET IT!	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
APPLES			■	■	■	■	■	
APRICOTS			■	■				
ASPARAGUS	■	■						
BEANS			■	■	■			
BEETS				■	■	■		
BLACKBERRIES				■	■			
BLUEBERRIES				■	■			
BROCCOLI			■	■	■	■		
BRUSSELS SPROUTS						■	■	
CABBAGE			■	■	■	■		
CANTALOUPE				■	■			
CARROTS			■	■	■			
CAULIFLOWER				■	■	■		
CELERY			■	■	■	■	■	
CHERRIES (SWEET)			■	■				
CHERRIES (TART)			■					
CHRISTMAS TREES							■	■
CIDER					■	■	■	
CORN (SWEET)				■	■			
CRANBERRIES						■	■	
CUCUMBERS (PICKLING)				■	■			
CUCUMBERS (SALAD)		■	■	■	■			
EGGPLANT			■	■	■	■		
FLOWERS (ANNUALS)	■	■						
FLOWERS (MUMS)					■	■		
GRAPES					■	■		
GREENS			■	■	■	■		
HERBS		■	■	■	■	■		
KALE		■	■	■	■	■		
LETTUCE			■	■	■			
NECTARINES					■			
ONIONS			■	■	■	■	■	
PARSNIPS					■	■		
PEACHES			■	■	■			
PEARS				■	■			
PEAS		■						
PEPPERS				■	■	■		
PLUMS				■	■			
PLUOTS			■	■	■			
POTATOES				■	■	■	■	
PUMPKINS					■	■		
RADISHES	■	■	■	■	■	■		
RASPBERRIES			■	■	■			
RHUBARB	■							
RUTABAGAS					■	■	■	
SQUASH (SUMMER)		■	■	■	■			
SQUASH (FALL)					■	■	■	
STRAWBERRIES		■						
TOMATOES				■	■	■		
TURNIPS				■	■	■	■	

COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKETS

Many local farmers bring their fresh produce, jams, cheeses, meats and baked goods to our weekly community markets. Before you come, check with your destination for updates.

BENTON HARBOR
Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park,
184 E. Main St
mid-June to September
Wednesdays, 10am-3pm

BRIDGMAN
Open Air Market,
4509 Lake St
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BUCHANAN
In the Common
122 Days Ave
May to mid-October
Saturdays, 8am-1pm

DOWAGIAC
Division & Railroad St
June into October
Wednesdays & Saturdays,
9am-2pm

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Thursdays, 4pm-8pm

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May into October
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9am-3pm

NILES
Front & Main St
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PAW PAW
Gremps St & E. Michigan Ave
early July to early October
Sundays, 9am-2pm

ST. JOSEPH
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May to October
Saturdays, 9am-2pm

SOUTH HAVEN
539 Huron St
June to August
Wednesdays, 8am-2pm mid-May to mid-October, Saturdays, 8am-2pm

SEASONS & EVENTS

When's the best time to visit Southwest Michigan? Quite simply — anytime. This lakeshore region shines in every season, offering its own distinct beauty and experiences throughout the year. From snowy winter adventures to spring's first blossoms, sun-soaked summer days, and the rich colors of autumn, there's always a perfect moment waiting to be discovered here.

LION'S PARK BEACH - ST. JOSEPH

WINTER IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Sure, Michigan winters may be known for being a little tough, but in Southwest Michigan they turn into something truly enchanting. Imagine sparkling ice sculptures forming along the piers and lighthouses, quiet snowy paths perfect for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or fat-tire biking, and cozy nights spent unwinding with locally crafted wine, cider, beer, or spirits. You may just discover winter is your new favorite time of year here — calm, breathtaking, and wonderfully unhurried. So bundle up and get ready to make some beautifully frosty memories!

Why Southwest Michigan Shines in Winter

Nature absolutely loves winter here, and you will too! Whether you're planning a romantic getaway, a fun-filled adventure with the kids, a weekend with friends, or even a solo escape, Southwest Michigan delivers.

- **Convenient Access:** We're an easy car ride from Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. And if you prefer the rails, Amtrak stops daily within minutes of our winter attractions and accommodations.
- **Snow Galore:** Thanks to Lake Michigan's lake effect magic, Berrien and Van Buren Counties average a whopping 80 inches of snow each winter, while Cass County sees about 60 inches. Prime snowfall happens from late January through February, but don't worry—there's usually enough snow from mid-December to mid-March to keep the fun going.
- **No Stress Driving:** Concerned about winter roads? Fear not! Our crews are pros at snow removal, keeping highways and county roads clear so you can explore without worry.
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WINTER EVENTS

WARM THE SOUL!

Here in Southwest Michigan, winter fun falls as naturally as snowflakes. Don't miss these beloved annual celebrations:

JANUARY 2026:

- **January 30 - Chili Tour:** Grab a map and taste-test chili from local "Chili Stops" in downtown St. Joseph. Cast your vote for the best bowl of warmth! The tour starts at 301 State Street from 5:00p-8:00p

FEBRUARY 2026:

- **February 6-8 - Ice Fest:** Watch professional ice carvers create frozen masterpieces, enjoy a Fire & Ice tower, and participate in family-friendly activities in downtown St. Joseph all weekend long.

MARCH 2026:

- **March 6 - March Mannequins:** Stroll through downtown St. Joseph as storefronts come to life with volunteers posing as mannequins in themed displays from 6:00p-7:30p. Vote for your favorite all weekend long.
- **March 7 - Spring Artisan Market:** Join the free indoor event from 11:00a-4:00p at Union + Social 216 Court St

Holiday/Winter events wrap up the year.

NOVEMBER 2026:

- **November 20 - Luminary:** Stroll through downtown St. Joseph as glowing luminaries light your way to unique shops. 5:00p-8:00p
- **November 28 - Small Business Saturday:** Enjoy special discounts at locally-owned businesses throughout Southwest Michigan

DECEMBER 2026:

- **December 4-6 - Merry & Bright Weekend:** Kick off the holiday season with caroling, a tree lighting ceremony, and dazzling light displays that last through mid-February.
- **December 5-23 - Santa's House:** Beginning December 5 and running through the 23rd, you can meet Santa himself on select days leading up to Christmas in downtown St. Joe.
- **December 5 - Reindog Parade:** Pets in holiday costumes lead Santa into downtown St. Joseph at 3:00p—adorable and unforgettable!
- **December 6 - Holiday Artisan Market -** Join us for an indoor Holiday Artisan Market from 11:00a-4:00p at Union + Social!

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POPULAR WINTER ACTIVITIES

There's no shortage of ways to embrace the season in Southwest Michigan:

- **Cross-Country Skiing:** Glide through peaceful snow-covered trails.
- **Fat-Tire Biking:** Tackle snowy terrain in style.
- **Snowshoeing:** Wander through quiet, snowy landscapes.
- **Ice Skating:** Glide and twirl to your heart's content.
- **Surfing:** Yes, winter surfing is a thing—and it's epic!
- **Makers Trail Tours:** Sip on wine, beer, cider, or spirits at local craft destinations.
- **Creative Connections:** Dive into art and culture through workshops and performances.
- **Shopping:** Explore charming boutiques and unique finds.
- **Light Up the Bluff:** Stroll among dazzling light displays.
- **Ice Fest:** Celebrate all things icy and artistic.

Southwest Michigan transforms into a winter wonderland from December through February, and you're invited to experience the magic. From thrilling outdoor adventures to cozy nights by the fire, this is the ultimate winter destination. So grab your warmest coat, gather your crew, and start planning your frosty escape today!

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FUN FACTS

Average snowfall:
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ICE FEST FUN
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10 Free Things to do in Winter

1. Admire nature's artistry on our Lake Michigan beaches with the frozen lighthouses, ice and sand formations and picturesque sunsets.
2. Go sledding, snowboarding and snowshoeing at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer.
3. Walk or snowshoe scenic trails along rivers, vineyards and woods.
4. Go running on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Start and end at River St. Joe Brewery. All ages and levels are welcome.
5. Immerse in the magic of Light Up the Bluff displays in downtown St. Joseph from early December to mid-February.
6. Celebrate the season at holiday and ice carving festivals from early December to early February.
7. Visit Santa's House in St. Joseph on weekends in December.
8. Ride fat tire bikes over the wintry terrains on Lakeview Bike Trail in Benton Harbor and Andrews University Trails in Berrien Springs.
9. Inspire your creativity by playing the Creative Connections challenge.
10. Learn stories about our region's fascinating past at our museums.

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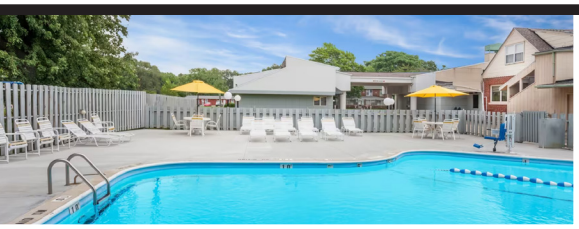

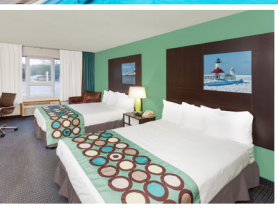

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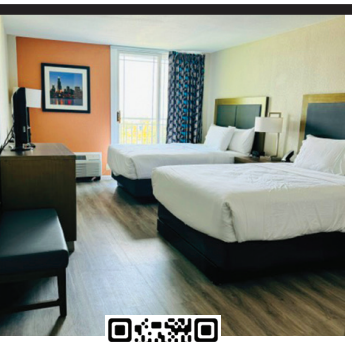

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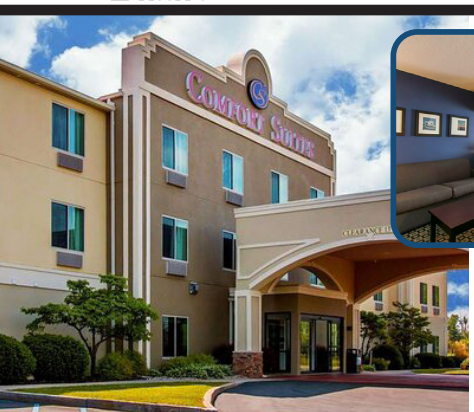

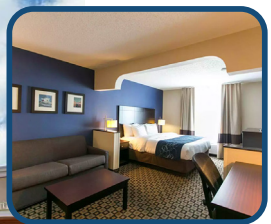

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SPRING IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Ahhh, springtime in Michigan — it's like the whole world presses reset. One day, crisp winds sweep across the dunes, and the next, soft breezes drift in carrying the sweet perfume of blooming orchards and vineyards. Along the Lake Michigan shoreline, the last traces of ice slip away, giving way to rolling waves that thunder against the lighthouses before settling into a calm, glassy surface that perfectly reflects a blazing sunset.

Spring in Southwest Michigan means longer days, lighter layers, and the cheerful return of songbirds. It's the ideal season to dust off your golf clubs, cast a line, hop on your bike, or slip your kayak into the water and soak up all that fresh new energy.

SPRING BREAK, SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN STYLE

If you're planning a spring break adventure, Southwest Michigan is the perfect spot! Budget-friendly fun abounds:

- Take a ride on the **Silver Beach Carousel.**
- Explore the **Curious Kids' Museum and Discovery Zone.**
- Fly kites on our sandy beaches.
- Play Marco Polo in one of our hotels' indoor pools.

SPRING INTO ACTION!

And don't forget to return later in the season to soak in the explosion of blooms in April and May. The **Blossomtime Festival** in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph brings vibrant celebrations to spring. Add to that the chance to find fresh-picked asparagus at roadside markets or treasures like crinoids and beach glass on the shore, and you've got the recipe for a memorable spring.

SPRING ACTIVITIES IN FULL BLOOM

Make the most of this vibrant season with these popular activities:

- **Blossom Tours:** Tour Southwest Michigan's stunning orchards and vineyards in full bloom.
- **Golfing:** Hit the greens under sunny skies.
- **Kayaking:** Paddle your way through serene lakes and rivers.
- **Hiking:** Explore trails waking up from their winter slumber.
- **Galleries & Museums:** Discover new exhibits before the summer crowds arrive.
- **Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade:** Celebrate spring with this timeless tradition.

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SPRING EVENTS

SPRING IN BLOOM!

As the snow disappears and the world turns green again, Southwest Michigan springs to life with exciting things to do. Check out these seasonal highlights:

APRIL 2026:

- **April 12-13 - Mr. and Miss Blossomtime Pageants:** Over two exciting evenings, more than 20 community queens compete for the title of Miss Blossomtime, while local gentlemen vie for Mr. Blossomtime. Contestants are judged on poise, interviews, community service, communication, stage presence, and personality. Sunday features the Mr. Blossomtime crowning and a showcase of the queens; on Monday night, one queen is crowned MISS BLOSSOMTIME. This beloved tradition has been celebrated since 1906. Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, Benton Harbor | blossomtimefestival.org

MAY 2026:

- **May 3 - Antiques on the Bluff:** Explore treasures from the past at Lake Bluff Park from 10:00a-5:00p.
- **May 9; 1pm - Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade:** This cherished parade starts in St. Joseph, crosses the Bicentennial Bridge, and finishes in Benton Harbor. Since 1923, it's delighted crowds with more than 120 entries — from marching bands and colorful floats to clowns, classic cars, and the famous Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team. A true can't-miss celebration. | blossomtimefestival.org
- **May 22 - Memorial Day Parade:** Celebrate the holiday at noon in downtown St. Joseph.
- **May 23-September 5 - St. Joe Lighthouse Tours:** On Saturdays from 10:00a-7:00p you can tour the St. Joe North Pier Inner Lighthouse at Tiscornia Park.
- **May 23-October 10 - St. Joe Farmers Market:** Saturdays from 9:00a-2:00p at Lake Bluff Park.

Springtime in Southwest Michigan is a treat for the senses — bright blooms, warm breezes, and endless ways to enjoy the season. Whether you're here for festivals, outdoor adventures, or a relaxing spring getaway, you'll leave with memories to treasure. Pack your bags and come see us — beauty and adventure await!

10 Free Things to do in Spring

1. Roll down the windows as you drive by acres of pastel-colored orchards on a blossom tour — breathe in the sweet fragrances.
2. Fly kites and find beach glass, fossils and colorful stones tossed up by the waves along Lake Michigan beaches.
3. Paddle for hours in your kayak, canoe or SUP on Southwest Michigan's rivers and lakes.
4. Hike scenic trails in the dunes, vineyards, woods and along rivers.
5. Picnic, play outdoor games and on playgrounds at city parks.
6. Ride bikes through St. Joseph's Victorian-era neighborhoods, along waterfronts and over the rolling hills of our verdant vineyards and orchards.
7. In early May, stake a spot along the Blossomtime Festival's Grand Floral Parade route between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. This is Michigan's oldest festival.
8. See inspiring art at galleries throughout Southwest Michigan.
9. Discover the impact our area has made throughout history at our museums.
10. Spring offers exceptionally vibrant Lake Michigan sunsets — get front-row seats on our beaches and bluff parks.

FUN FACTS

The Blossomtime Festival is the oldest and largest multi-community festival in Michigan. The Grand Floral Parade is called the "crown jewel" of the Blossomtime Festival and will be celebrating its 120th year in 2026.

SUMMER IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

There's no better place to soak up summer than Southwest Michigan. Picture crystal-clear Lake Michigan waters, miles of golden sand beaches, and towering dunes just waiting to be explored. Fill your days with sailing, lighthouse tours, sandcastle building (keep an eye out for beach glass and crinoids!), or sand volleyball games that last until sunset.

If inland adventures are more your style, our sparkling lakes and rivers are perfect for boating, swimming, fishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. Wander shady trails by bike or on foot, or head to local orchards and farms to pick fresh fruits, veggies, and flowers — or browse the bounty at our lively farm stands.

When it's time to eat, choose from breezy waterfront patios or cozy small-town restaurants. Follow the Makers Trail to sip your way through local wines, beers, ciders, and spirits. Add in live music in the parks, summer theater, and golf courses for every skill level — plus mini golf and disc golf for bragging rights — and you'll see why summer here feels unforgettable.

Families will find plenty to love, too. Let the kids cool off at the Whirlpool Compass Fountain, ride the nostalgic Silver Beach Carousel, or explore hands-on fun at the Curious Kids' Museum and Discovery Zone. Even your four-legged friends can join the adventure at our pet-friendly wineries, trails, and beaches.

End the day with a Southwest Michigan sunset — brilliant scarlet and orange melting into the lake — or head to our International Dark Sky Park to watch the night sky shimmer with stars. If you're lucky, you might even spot a shooting star.

SUMMER LOVIN'!

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WHY SUMMER IS A MUST-VISIT

Summer is our prime season, with perfect weather for lake adventures and vibrant events happening almost daily. From food festivals to art fairs, this is when Southwest Michigan comes alive. And don't forget to savor the freshest produce from our local farms—nothing beats the taste of just-picked cherries, strawberries, or blueberries.

Check out our Harvest Guide on page 16 to see what's in season and plan your summer foodie adventure!

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SUMMER EVENTS

Make your summer even more memorable by adding these unique Southwest Michigan events to your itinerary:

All Summer Long:

- **St. Joe Lighthouse Tours:** On Saturdays from 10:00a-7:00p you can tour the St. Joe North Pier Inner Lighthouse at Tiscornia Park.
- **St. Joe Farmers Market:** Discover fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, meats, flowers, and more from local farms. Saturdays from 9:00a-2:00p at Lake Bluff Park.
- **Antiques on the Bluff** (Select Sundays): Explore treasures from the past at Lake Bluff Park from 10:00a-5:00p. June 7, July 5, August 2.

June 2026:

- **Lake Bluff Artisan Fair** (Select Saturdays): Shop over 50 vendors offering handmade home décor, jewelry, candles, and more from 10:00a-5:00p. May 30, July 18, August 15, Sept 5
  Lake Bluff Blvd, St. Joseph
- **June 21-22 - Lest We Forget Reenactment**: This free event honors our armed forces with battle reenactments, WWII aircraft displays, and Medal of Honor presentations. St. Joseph River, St. Joseph | lestweforgetusa.org

July 2026:

- **July 4 - Berrien Springs Pickle Festival:** Join for games, vendors, community fun and more. This three-week festival culminates on July 4, at the History Center at Courthouse Square and the Community Library in Berrien Springs. Bring the family for Vendor Alley, the Pickle Fling, Big Wheel races, old-fashioned pickle games, a relish eating contest and the Pickled Piper Tasting Room. It's a Dill-lightful time! Berrien Springs
- **July 11-12 - 64th Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff**: Explore the creativity of over 170 artists while soaking in Lake Michigan's breezes and stunning views. Lake Bluff Park, St. Joseph
  krasl.org/art-fair
- **July 17 - Mike Yore Memorial Car Show**: Admire 150 classic cars lined along the bluff from 4:00p-8:00p. Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph
- **July 17-September 4 - Friday Night Concert Series:** Free live music from jazz to classic hits, all with stunning views of the St. Joseph River and Lake Michigan. Concerts are from 7:00p-8:00p at the
  John E.N. Howard Bandshell, St. Joseph
- **July 31-August 2 - Chalk the Block:** Watch artists bring vibrant chalk creations to life on downtown St. Joseph streets. Downtown St. Joseph

August 2026:

- **August 17-22 Berrien County Youth Fair:** Celebrate the fair with its "Happy Birthday America" theme. Enjoy exhibits, crafts, horticulture, and animals galore.
  Berrien County Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs
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Summer in Southwest Michigan is everything you imagine a great vacation to be — and then some. With outdoor adventures, incredible food and drink, and nonstop festivals and events, there's always something to enjoy. So grab your sunscreen, bring your appetite, and get ready to make memories you'll treasure long after summer fades.

SUMMER EVENTS ARE HEATING UP

CHALK THE BLOCK
ST. JOSEPH

10 Free Things to do in Summer

1. Splash in Whirlpool Compass Fountain.
2. Relax at Rocky Gap County Park.
3. Most Saturday at dusk, July-August you can watch a family-friendly movie under the stars. Locations vary so check **stjoetoday.com/movies**
4. Watch the sunset at Lookout Park, one of the best views of Lake Michigan.
5. Explore the arts at Krasl Art Center and the Box Factory for the Arts.
6. Chalk the Block has artists turn the downtown streets of St. Joseph into a chalk masterpiece.
7. Walk the John and Dede Howard Family Trail.
8. Go for a hike at Galien River County Park.
9. Enjoy free concerts every Wednesday at noon July-August at the John E. N. Howard Bandshell.
10. Go inside the St. Joseph North Pier Lighthouse.

POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Don't miss out on these must-try experiences:

- **Relaxing on the beach**
- **U-pick cherries, strawberries, and blueberries**
- **Makers Trail tours**
- **Creative Connections art experiences**
- **Kayaking and boating**
- **Hiking and fishing**
- **Chalk the Block**

FALL IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

When the summer bustle fades after Labor Day, Southwest Michigan eases into a calmer rhythm — but the season is still full of wonder. September often brings warm days and lake-temperature bliss, so don't stash the beach towel just yet. With fewer crowds, it's the perfect time to claim your own stretch of shoreline or enjoy a peaceful walk along the water.

By October, Lake Michigan shows off her many moods — quiet and glassy one day, then roaring with dramatic whitecaps the next. It's an unforgettable time to be lakeside.

And then there's the color. Fall begins at our historic farms and markets and spills into the vineyards, orchards, forests, and dunes. By mid-October, crisp nights and sunny days transform the landscape into glowing shades of amber, ruby, orange, and gold. Whether you're hiking, paddling, golfing, or simply cruising along scenic back roads, you'll be surrounded by breathtaking beauty at every turn.

Spectacular Fall Color Routes

Autumn in Southwest Michigan means mile after mile of stunning scenery bursting with deep reds, fiery oranges, golden yellows, and lush greens. Drive country roads, wander wooded trails, paddle peaceful rivers, or stroll through charming downtowns — everywhere you go, fall magic is on full display. It won't take long for this season to steal your heart.

AUTUMNS' STUNNING COLORS

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8 Free Things to do in Fall

1. Take a fall color tour
2. Hike scenic trails
3. Walk along uncrowded beaches
4. Paddle your way through autumn's beauty
5. Bike trails beneath brilliant foliage
6. Explore our creativity
7. Learn about our fascinating past
8. Stay over and enjoy a free gorgeous sunset on Lake Michigan

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FALL EVENTS

Harvest season in Southwest Michigan overflows with ways to celebrate the bounty of fall. Spend the day picking apples, pumpkins, or sunflowers, sip fresh-pressed cider or local wines, and soak in the festive spirit at our many autumn events. With crisp air and brilliant foliage all around, every moment feels a little more magical.

SEPTEMBER 2026:

- **September 6 & October 4 - Antiques on the Bluff:** Explore treasures from the past at Lake Bluff Park from 10:00a-5:00p.
- **September 10-13 - Antique Engine & Tractor Show:** One of Michigan's largest shows of its kind, this event features hundreds of vintage farm machines, live demonstrations, parades, kids' activities, entertainment, and more — fun for the whole family all four days. Enjoy buttery sweet corn cooked by a steam engine, watch tractor pulls, try the Flywheel Toss, or relax in the Stephenson Barn during the Moore's Jam Session. Hosted by the Michigan Flywheelers Museum in South Haven. michiganflywheelers.org
- **September 19 - Fall Fest**: All ages are sure to have fun at this celebration of autumn! Attendees will enjoy the Critter Barn, Balloon Twisters, a Farmers Market, Interactive Booths featuring local organizations and more. Downtown St. Joseph

OCTOBER 2026:

- **October 10 - Under the Harvest Moon Festival:** Dowagiac's fall festival celebrates Michigan's glorious autumn. Hosted by the Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce, this event showcases vendors of handmade and artisan product, Michigan-grown produce, antiques, and features activities for families. Downtown Dowagiac
- **October 17 - Downtown Spooktacular:** Halloween-themed event in downtown St. Joe featuring a variety of events, including a hayride, a Spooktacular Market, a pumpkin patch, magic shows, a Spooktacular Costume Parade, a pumpkin carving display and demo, Spooky Lighthouse Tours and more. 11:00a-4:00p.
- **October 30 - Halloween Trick-Or-Treat:** Downtown St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Arts District from 4:30p-6:00p.

FAVORITE FALL ACTIVITIES

Looking for ways to embrace the season? Here's what's on everyone's fall bucket list:

- **Colorful fall foliage tours**
- **Makers Trail tours (because fall pairs perfectly with cider and wine!)**
- **Apple picking and pumpkin patch adventures**
- **Kayaking or hiking amid autumn's beauty**
- **Surfing the waves (yes, even in fall!)**
- **Creative Connections with local art experiences**

Fall in Southwest Michigan is a hidden gem — cooler days, relaxed energy, and incredible harvest flavors make it the perfect time to visit without the crowds. With cozy charm, brilliant color, and fun festivals, this season truly shines. Whether you're here for the scenery or a peaceful escape, you'll leave with memories as bright as the leaves. Grab a sweater and your favorite people — it's time to fall in love with Southwest Michigan!

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

Sunny days are tough to beat in Southwest Michigan, but when the skies turn gray, the fun doesn't have to stop. From hands-on museums to cozy taprooms and creative escapes, here are some great ways to keep everyone smiling — even in the rain.

Curious Kids' Museum - Rainy days and curiosity go hand in hand. With more than 100 hands-on exhibits, the Curious Kids' Museum is perfect for little explorers (and the young at heart!). Interactive displays engage all the senses, and with rotating experiences, there's always something new to discover. Admission is just $6 per person, or $10 for both the Museum and Discovery Zone — a great value for hours of fun.

Makers Trail - Who says rainy days can't be delicious? Follow the Makers Trail and sip your way through Southwest Michigan's craft breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries. Settle into a warm, welcoming taproom and let award-winning flavors chase away the gloomy weather. (*See page 59 for all the tasty details!*)

Water Street Glassworks - Let your creativity shine in the Benton Harbor Arts District. At Water Street Glassworks, you can create one-of-a-kind art — from molten glass pieces to beach glass jewelry or even metal garden sculptures. Classes are available for all ages and skill levels, but they fill quickly, so plan ahead. Not crafting today? Browse the beautiful Doris Akers Gallery inside the historic Hinkley Building for inspiration.

Krasl Art Center - Keep the artistic momentum going with a visit to the Krasl Art Center. Open seven days a week and free to the public, it showcases rotating exhibits from artists around the world. Feeling inspired? Sign up for an art class or workshop. And don't forget to stop by The Shop for unique gifts, jewelry, and décor.

The Acorn - Rainy evenings are perfect for live entertainment at The Acorn Theatre in downtown Three Oaks. This historic venue hosts an eclectic lineup — rock, folk, comedy, open mics, and more. Make it a night out with handcrafted cocktails and amazing food at Journeyman Distillery and Staymaker Restaurant, just steps away. (*See page 50 for more info.*)

Silver Beach Carousel - Who needs sunshine when you can ride the Silver Beach Carousel? Take a magical spin for just $3 per token (or save by purchasing multiples). Stop into the Brass Ring Gift Shop for souvenirs and explore the nostalgic Silver Beach Amusement Park Museum. Then pop across the street to Silver Beach Pizza and try the Carousel Pizza — inspired by the whimsical figures next door. *(See page 15 to discover more.)*

Rain or shine, Southwest Michigan proves that fun never takes a day off. Grab your umbrella — and your sense of adventure — and turn those rainy skies into golden memories.

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GET OUTDOORS

SILVER BEACH - ST. JOSEPH

Get ready to enjoy the great outdoors in Southwest Michigan, where every season brings new adventures. Hike forest trails, kayak peaceful rivers, climb sandy dunes, or bike and paddle along crystal-clear lakes. Whether you're catching a wave, riding a fat-tire bike through snow, or simply relaxing with vineyard views, there are endless ways to connect with nature. Grab your gear — and your sense of adventure — and come recharge in Michigan's natural playground.

TOP TEN BEACHES

Southwest Michigan is home to some of the most beautiful beaches anywhere on the Great Lakes. From the iconic Silver Beach in St. Joseph — complete with its charming carousel and splash pad — to the peaceful, towering dunes at Warren Dunes State Park, there's a stretch of shoreline for every kind of beach lover. Pack the sunscreen, bring the sandcastle buckets, and get ready to relax lakeside

Grand Mere State Park – Stevensville
Climb steep, towering dunes for the thrill of racing back down. The cycle of climb and slide is endlessly fun, making this park a must-visit.

Hagar

Hagar Beach – Coloma
Picnic in the shade, grill up some fun, and let the kids play. Dogs on leashes are welcome on both the beach and in the lake.

Jean Klock Park – Benton Harbor
This beach has it all: paved parking, boardwalk, volleyball courts, observation tower, pavilion, bathhouse, concessions, a playground, and picnic shelters.

Lions Park

Lions Park Beach – St. Joseph
Shady trees make this beach perfect for families. It's also a convenient starting point for walkers and bikers on the John and Dede Howard Family Recreational Trail.

New Buffalo Beach – New Buffalo
Just a short stroll from downtown New Buffalo, this year-round favorite offers sunbathing, swimming, a dune-top boardwalk, a play structure, a snack bar, and fishing on Lake Michigan and the Galien River. Winter visitors can sled the dunes or marvel at icy piers and shoreline.

Rocky Gap County Park – Benton Harbor
Perched on a bluff in Benton Township, this park offers panoramic lake views from its overlook deck.

Silver Beach County Park – St. Joseph
With 2,450 feet of shoreline stretching from the St. Joseph River to Park Street, this beach is a short walk from downtown St. Joseph.

Rocky Gap

Tiscornia Beach Park – St. Joseph
This 16-acre family-friendly park offers access to Lake Michigan and iconic views of the North Pier lighthouses in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

Tiscornia

Warren Dunes State Park – Sawyer
With 1,952 acres and three miles of sandy shoreline, this Michigan State Park gem is pure adventure. Climb towering dunes, hike scenic trails, or simply enjoy the breathtaking views. Come back in every season for a new experience!

Weko Beach – Bridgman
Set amid 42 wooded acres, Weko Beach features a modern beach house, boat launch, concessions, and rentals for kayaks and paddleboards. Stroll the boardwalk or take in lake views from observation decks.

Weko

Whether you're chasing sunsets, strolling sandy shorelines, or simply listening to the waves, Southwest Michigan's top beaches showcase the very best of Lake Michigan's beauty. Each one offers its own special blend of relaxation and adventure.

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BIKING

Attention all outdoor adventurers and cycling enthusiasts: Southwest Michigan is calling your name! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-timer looking for a two-wheeled escape, this region has some of the most beautiful and accessible mountain bike trails you'll ever find.

Looking for a ride that's equal parts fun and scenic? We've got just the routes to add to your itinerary. And don't worry—mountain biking doesn't have to be an extreme sport unless you want it to be! Start with some easy, yet thrilling trails designed to ease you into the adventure.

So, grab your bike, your helmet, and a sense of adventure, and discover why Southwest Michigan is the perfect playground for cyclists of all levels!

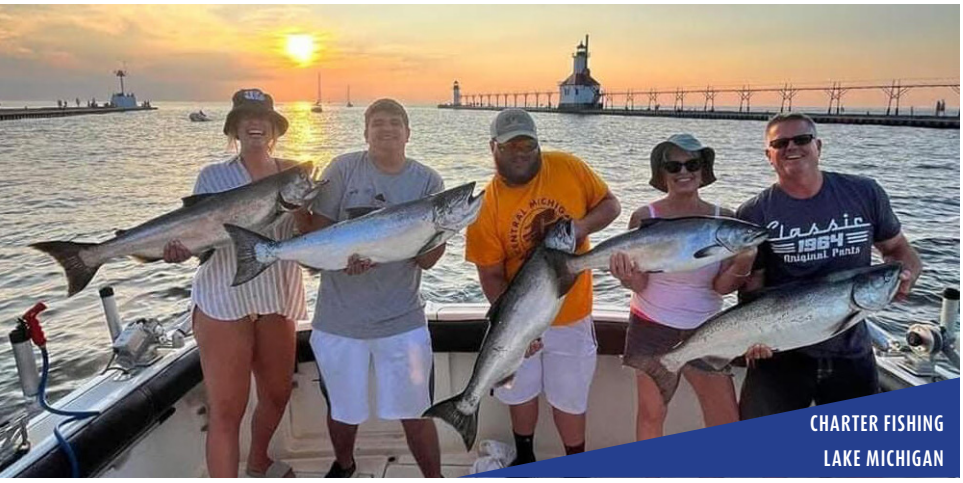
- Kal-Haven Trail State Park – Bailey St, South Haven
- Love Creek County Park & Nature Center – 9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center
- Dr. T.K. Lawless County Park – 15122 Monkey Run St, Vandalia
- Chikaming Mountain Bike Trail – 8120 Warren Woods Rd, Three Oaks
- Andrews Trails – Campbell Dr, Berrien Springs
- Whirlpool Lakeview Bike Trail – 750 Monte Rd, Benton Harbor

FISHING

Southwest Michigan is an angler's paradise, offering year-round fishing opportunities. Whether you're after coho, salmon, steelhead, bass, or other prized catches, Lake Michigan and the region's rivers and lakes have it all. The New Buffalo Fishing Pier and the North and South Piers of the St. Joseph River are perfect spots for fishing without a boat, giving you access to both the rivers and Lake Michigan.

LET'S GET MOVING!

For those looking to reel in the big ones with ease, charter boats are a fantastic option—ideal for beginners and seasoned anglers alike. Don't forget: a fishing license is required and can be conveniently purchased at local sporting goods stores.



CHARTER FISHING
LAKE MICHIGAN

HIKING

Southwest Michigan trails lead you to breathtaking views, lush woods, and Lake Michigan's shores. Many are ADA accessible for everyone to enjoy. Here are some favorites:

- Kal-Haven Trail State Park – 34 miles between South Haven and Kalamazoo.
- Warren Woods State Park – Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks: 311 acres along the Galien River.
- Warren Dunes State Park – Red Arrow Hwy, Sawyer: 3 miles of shoreline and 6 miles of trails.
- Grand Mere State Park – Thornton Dr, Stevensville: Dunes, lakes, and half a mile of shoreline.
- Royalton Township Nature Trail – Bacon School Rd, St. Joseph: Wheelchair-accessible trail with wetlands, prairie, and ravines.
- Van Buren State Park – Ruggles Rd, South Haven: Dunes, trails, and scenic sunsets.
- Van Buren Trail State Park – From South Haven to Hartford: 14 miles of multi-use dirt and gravel trails.

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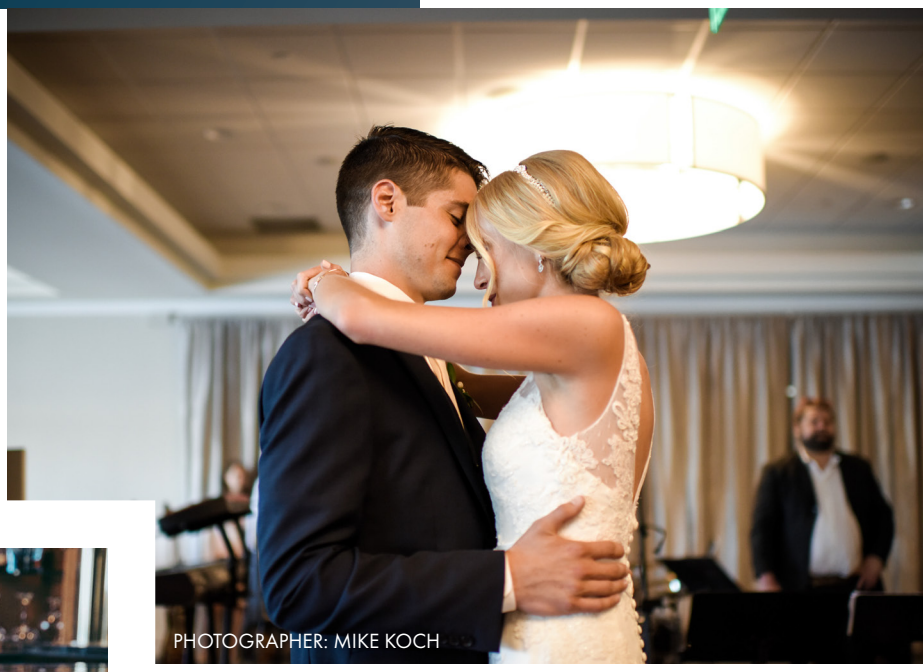

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KAYAKING

Southwest Michigan's waterways are perfect for paddling. From Lake Michigan's coastline to serene rivers, here are some top spots:

- Lake Michigan Water Trail – New Buffalo to South Haven: 50 miles of stunning coastline with dunes, lighthouses, beach towns, and sunsets. Launch from spots like New Buffalo Beach, Warren Dunes, Weko Beach, or Jean Klock Park.
- Galien River Marsh Trail – Paddle a peaceful six-mile stretch starting at Glassman Park in New Buffalo Township.
- Sister Lakes Area – Explore calm inland waters in Dowagiac and Edwardsburg. Paddle Magician Lake, Indian Lake, or interconnected lakes like Juno, Christiana, and Painter.

Where to Launch:

- Carronde Park Access – St. Joseph River, Benton Harbor
- Galien River Access – Red Arrow Highway, New Buffalo
- Paw Paw River Riverside Access – Coloma Road, handicap accessible
- St. Joseph River Access – Niles Boat Ramp, Niles

Kayak Rentals:

- Doe-Wah-Jack's Canoe Rental – Dowagiac River
- Scooter Joe's Wheel and Water Rentals – St. Joseph
- Third Coast Paddling – Rentals for Lake Michigan, Paw Paw River, and Galien River

ICE SKATING AT THE JOHN AND DEDE HOWARD ICE ARENA ST. JOSEPH

ICE SKATING

Several winter sports invite us to stay active in the cold months, but in some Southwest Michigan rinks, you can enjoy one of them year round — ice skating. Whether you need to shuffle through your first few steps or prefer to take off with a firm accelerating push, a fresh sheet of ice is waiting for you in more than one Southwest Michigan location. Both indoors and out! So, grab your skates, or rent them, and experience the best ice skating in Southwest Michigan. Then try some of the extra fun activities these rinks have to offer.

- John & Dede Howard Ice Arena – Outdoor NHL-sized rink in St. Joseph.
- The Garden Ice Arena – Year-round indoor rink in St. Joseph with ice bumper cars!
- South Haven Ice Rink – Covered outdoor rink downtown.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

When the snow blankets Southwest Michigan, the fun is just getting started! Cross-country skiing is your ticket to serene, snowy landscapes and an invigorating winter workout. Glide through miles of groomed trails that wind through picturesque forests, rolling dunes, and along the breathtaking shores of Lake Michigan. Whether you're a seasoned skier or a first-timer, you'll find trails suited to every skill level. Cross-country skiing here isn't just a sport—it's a magical way to embrace the beauty of Michigan winters.

Glide through snow-blanketed trails in these top spots:

- Fred Russ Forest County Park
- Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve
- Love Creek County Park (rentals available)
- Sarett Nature Center (rentals available)
- Warren Dunes State Park
- Kal-Haven Trail State Park
- Madeline Bertrand County Park (rentals available)

DOWNHILL SKIING

Ready to hit the slopes? Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area in Jones is perfect for all levels. Open seven days a week, it offers rentals, lessons, and on-site dining.

GOLF ALONG THE SHORELINE

Golf lovers searching for their next favorite course will feel right at home in Southwest Michigan. For decades, this golfer's destination has welcomed top amateur and professional players competing in high-profile tournaments. Yet the real draw is its collection of more than a dozen courses — thoughtfully designed to be welcoming for beginners while still challenging enough for players chasing lower scores.

Stay, Play & Tee Off by the Water

Imagine teeing off on rolling greens surrounded by Lake Michigan, winding rivers, and picturesque orchards. Southwest Michigan's courses span a wide range of terrain and layouts, keeping every round fresh and memorable. A true standout is Harbor Shores Golf Course, the only Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course offering views of Lake Michigan. It's also been the longtime home of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, making it a must-play for serious golf fans. Be sure to ask about stay-and-play packages, and don't miss the resort's excellent dining and non-golf amenities.

Another memorable stop is HawksHead, a hidden gem known for its welcoming atmosphere and beautiful setting. Overnight guests can enjoy special rates at the Inn at HawksHead, a restored Old English Tudor mansion, while groups will appreciate the newer HawksHead Cottages — ideal for a relaxed golf getaway.

From late April through October, finding a tee time is easy. Located just 90 minutes to three hours from Chicago, Indianapolis, and Detroit, Southwest Michigan is a favorite escape for golfers looking to skip crowded city courses. Even better, greens fees are often more affordable, and spring blossoms or fall color add an extra layer of beauty to every round.

See the local golf course listings on page 38.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT CLUB

Love to golf? Southwest Michigan is the perfect place to play. For decades, championship tournaments have drawn top amateur and professional golfers to our fairways, but the real appeal lies in our more than a dozen local courses. Designed to be welcoming for beginners and rewarding for golfers chasing lower scores, they strike the perfect balance of fun and challenge. Here are several great options located nearby:

BENTON HARBOR

Blossom Trails Golf Club - Family friendly course with 18 holes, plus a Par 3 course and full practice area. 269-925-4951

Harbor Shores Golf Club - This Jack Nicklaus designed course is home to KitchenAid Senior PGA Championships in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, and 2024. 269-927-4653
(See ad on page 39)

Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club - Rated 4 Stars by Golf Digest, an 18-hole course with a Par 72. 269-849-4653

BRIDGMAN

Pebblewood Country Club - 18-hole public golf course. Golf on one of the oldest golf courses in the area, built in 1923. 269-465-5611
(See ad below.)

BUCHANAN

Brookwood Golf Course - A challenging 18-hole golf course famous for its character and challenge. 269-695-7818

DOWAGIAC

Hampshire Country Club and Dogwood Trail (36 holes) - The 18-hole Hampshire course offers gently rolling terrain, open front nine, wooded back nine. 269-782-7476

Spruce Ridge Golf Club - This 18-hole public course is laid out across 107-acres of rolling hills and tree-lined fairways, sure to challenge your game. 269-782-5827

EAU CLAIRE

Indian Lake Hills Golf Course - 27 holes on watered fairways with woods and orchards. 269-782-2540 *(See ad on page 37)*

Pipestone Creek Golf Course – Long open par-5s and a richly-wooded back nine make this the golf course for the rest of us. 269-944-1611

NEW BUFFALO

The Woodlands Course at Whittaker - Immerse yourself in nature as you take on woods, water, and sloping fairways. 269-469-3400
(See ad on page 40)

WATERVLIET

Paw Paw Lake Golf Course - A scenic Par 70 public golf course on the shores of Paw Paw Lake. 269-463-3831

Southwest Michigan isn't just a golfing destination—it's a golfer's dream come true. Grab your clubs, book your stay, and let the fun begin!

Practice Makes Perfect

No matter the weather, you can keep your swing dialed in at Pipestone Indoor Country Club in the Benton Harbor Arts District. Featuring top-of-the-line, Golf Digest–ranked simulators, it delivers a true-to-life on-course experience year-round. For on-the-ground practice, the all-new Wee Course at Harbor Shores is ideal for sharpening irons and putting — or learning the game. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just getting started, these welcoming options make it easy to hone your skills.

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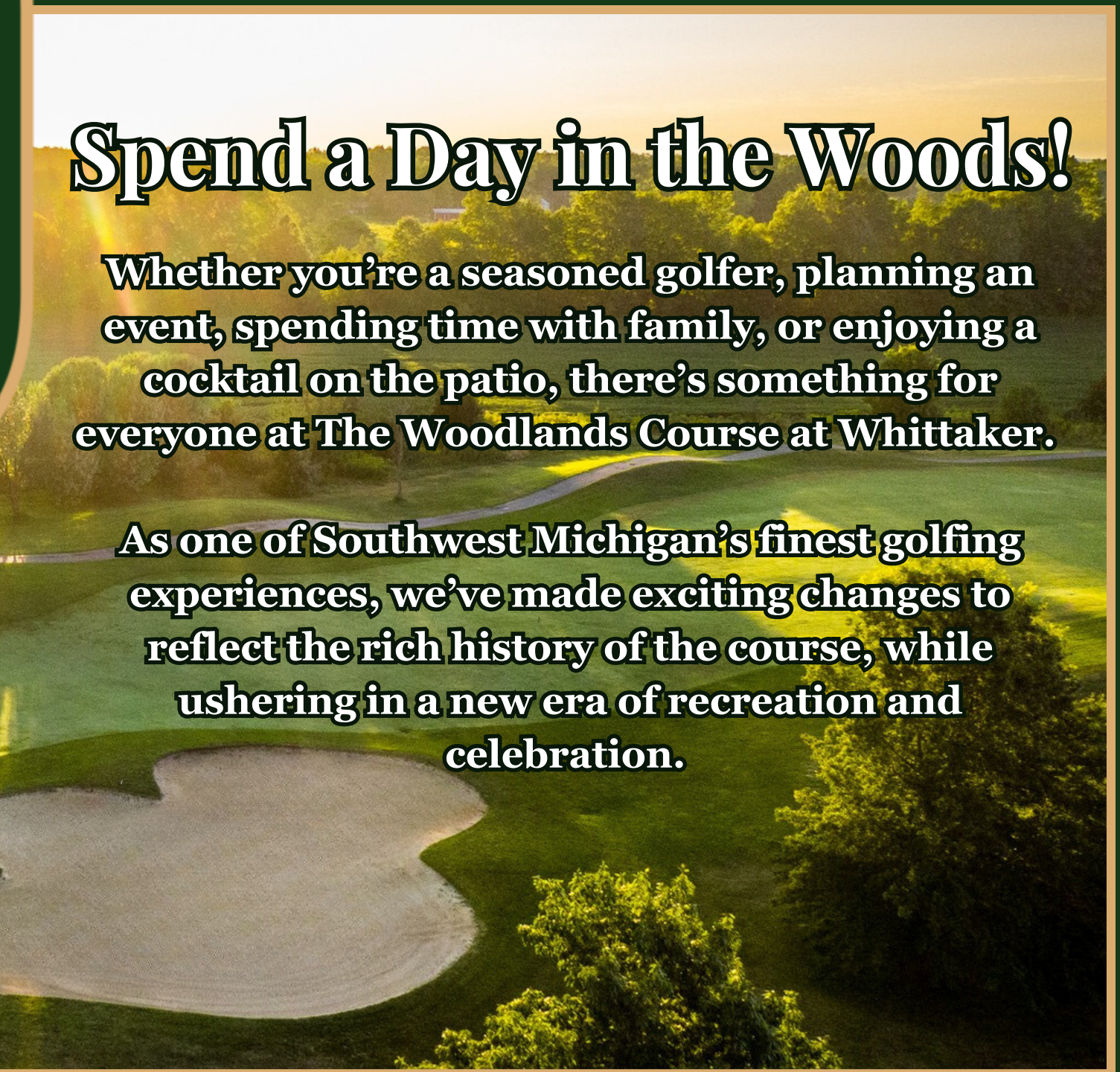

Spend a Day in the Woods!

Whether you're a seasoned golfer, planning an event, spending time with family, or enjoying a cocktail on the patio, there's something for everyone at The Woodlands Course at Whittaker.

As one of Southwest Michigan's finest golfing experiences, we've made exciting changes to reflect the rich history of the course, while ushering in a new era of recreation and celebration.

The Woodlands Course at Whittaker
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PARKS & NATURE CENTERS

Discover the Wonders of Southwest Michigan's State Parks

Ready to explore nature's playground? Southwest Michigan is home to six beautiful state parks, each offering its own brand of adventure along Lake Michigan's eastern shoreline and inland landscapes. From soaring dunes to peaceful forests, these parks invite you to get outside and explore. Pick up an annual Recreation Passport — valid at all Michigan state parks — or a day pass, then plan your visit between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Here's what makes each park special:

Warren Woods State Park

Just seven minutes from Warren Dunes, this hidden gem in Sawyer offers 311 acres of pure tranquility. Wander through a magical beech and maple forest, and don't miss the half-mile trail that dances along the scenic Galien River. Pro tip: pack your camera for those postcard-perfect views!

Grand Mere State Park

For those who crave variety, Grand Mere delivers it all! With sand dunes, a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline, wooded trails, and even ancient inland lakes left behind by glaciers, this 985-acre park in Stevensville is a natural wonderland. Whether you're up for a swim, a hike, fishing, or cross-country skiing in the winter, this National Natural Landmark is your go-to spot for outdoor thrills.

Van Buren State Park

Dunes, beaches, and breathtaking sunsets—oh my! Located near South Haven, Van Buren State Park is a sandy paradise where you can hunt for beach glass, explore woodland trails, or relax with your pup as the sun dips below the horizon. With campgrounds close to local shops and eateries, it's the perfect blend of nature and convenience.

Van Buren Trail State Park

Calling all trailblazers! This 14-mile dirt and gravel trail connects South Haven to Hartford, offering a peaceful path for hiking, biking, or even snowshoeing in winter. Start your journey at Hartford's Prospect Street trailhead or catch the trail from Van Buren State Park in South Haven. It's a must-try for adventure seekers year-round!

Kal-Haven Trail Sesquicentennial State Park

Ready for the ultimate long hike? This 33-mile trail takes you from South Haven to Kalamazoo without skipping a beat. Once a railroad bed, the trail now guides you through charming small towns and historic landmarks. Bring your bike—or fat tire bike in the winter—and turn your steps into stories.

Preserving Nature for You to Explore

Southwest Michigan is all about keeping its natural treasures safe and sound for future generations. Our nature centers and preserves protect the woods, prairies, marshes, bogs, and stunning Lake Michigan shores from development. They're perfect spots to connect with nature—think wildlife watching, birding, photographing wildflowers, snowshoeing, or simply soaking in the peace and quiet. Ready to explore? Let's dive in!

Love Creek County Park & Nature Center

If outdoor adventure calls your name, Love Creek is the place to be! Spanning over 100 acres of meadows, forests, marshes, and creeks, this park offers more than five miles of trails to hike or ski. In the winter, 1.8 miles are dedicated to snowshoeing, and 3.5 miles are groomed for fat biking. Don't have a bike? No problem! Fat tire bikes are available to rent, including two kid-sized bikes generously donated by Trek Bicycle of Granger.

Inside the interpretive building, you'll find a nature bookshop, classrooms, engaging exhibits, and a wildlife observation window that offers year-round glimpses of local birds and mammals. If you're a wildflower fan, plan a visit between April and October when the blooms are at their best.
9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center | 269-471-2617

Sarett Nature Center

For a dose of tranquility and some jaw-dropping views, head to Sarett Nature Center. With over eight miles of trails, you'll have plenty to explore. Wander boardwalks through wetlands, take in the scenery from observation platforms, or enjoy the barrier-free walkway for easy access.

The trails running along the Paw Paw River bluffs are a highlight, offering stunning overlooks of the river valley below. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a casual stroller, Sarett's trails invite you to slow down and soak in the beauty of Southwest Michigan's natural world.
2300 N Benton Center Rd, Benton Harbor | 269-927-4832

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Nestled along the banks of the St. Joseph River in Niles, Fernwood Botanical Garden is a stunning oasis where nature and art come together. This 105-acre wonderland is a treasure trove of lush gardens, wooded trails, and serene river views that change beautifully with every season. Whether you're exploring the formal gardens, admiring the prairie restoration, or wandering the quiet forest trails, there's something magical at every turn.

Visit the Nature Center to learn about local ecosystems, enjoy lunch at the charming café with garden views, or simply relax with a good book in the shade. In the winter, Fernwood transforms into a wonderland perfect for snowshoeing. Don't miss their special events and workshops, which offer everything from gardening tips to nature-inspired art classes.
13988 Range Line Rd, Niles | 269-695-6491

BERRIEN COUNTY PARKS

These country parks offer a variety of recreational opportunities, from beach outings to hiking and wildlife observation, showcasing the natural beauty of Berrien County.

Galien River County Park

Features a 300-foot canopy walkway and a 60-foot-high marsh overlook tower, offering stunning views of the marshland and river.
17424 Red Arrow Hwy, New Buffalo

Silver Beach County Park

A popular destination with a wide sandy beach, playground, and access to Lake Michigan, perfect for swimming and picnicking.
101 Broad St, St Joseph

Rocky Gap County Park

Provides a quiet beach experience with 1,100 feet of Lake Michigan frontage and an overlook platform for scenic views.
1100 Rocky Gap Road, Benton Harbor

Paw Paw River County Park

Offers trails, boardwalks, and fishing opportunities along the Paw Paw River in a serene natural setting.
650 N. Main Street, Watervliet

Madeline Bertrand County Park

Located on the east bank of the St. Joseph River, this park offers visitors a variety of outdoor activities.
3038 Adams Road, Niles

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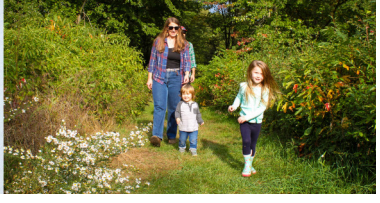

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WARREN DUNES STATE PARK

SUNSETS WORTH THE PAUSE

Southwest Michigan puts on an unforgettable sunset show. From family dinners to romantic getaways and nights out with friends, these fiery skies of red, orange, and gold make the perfect ending to any day. Ready to chase the sunset?

Filkins Vineyards – Coloma

Enjoy a picturesque setting among sprawling vineyard rows and open skies — perfect for catching warm evening light as the sun dips toward the horizon. With a spacious outdoor patio and relaxed tasting area overlooking the vines, you can sip award-worthy wines while soaking in expansive views and golden hour hues.

WARREN DUNES STATE PARK – Sawyer

Towering dunes and jaw-dropping sunsets make Warren Dunes a must-visit spot. Just south of Bridgman, this park offers a sunset experience like no other. For the ultimate view, climb Tower Hill—a sand dune standing 236 feet tall—and watch the sky paint itself in every shade of magic. The climb is worth it, and the run back down is pure fun!

A LIGHTHOUSE OR TWO – St. Joseph & South Haven

Southwest Michigan is blessed with not one, but two stunning lighthouses just 30 miles apart. In St. Joseph, stroll the lighthouse pier at Tiscornia Park or catch the view from Silver Beach County Park for a sunset that'll leave you speechless. Over in South Haven, the iconic round red lighthouse becomes part of the sunset spectacle, creating a picture-perfect backdrop for a family photo that's worth framing.

ENJOY YOUR SUNSET IN NATURE – New Buffalo & Niles

For nature lovers, Southwest Michigan has sunset views that are as serene as they are spectacular. Head to Galien River County Park near New Buffalo to walk the 300-foot canopy walkway, where you'll be treated to a glowing marshland bathed in sunset hues. Prefer a rustic garden vibe? Fernwood Botanic Gardens & Nature Preserve in Niles offers breathtaking sunsets surrounded by lush greenery.

WEKO BEACH – Bridgman

There's something truly special about a sunset at Weko Beach. Locals and visitors alike gather here to watch the sun dip below the horizon, but the magic doesn't stop there. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, a volunteer plays "Taps" each evening at sunset, creating a moment of reflection and gratitude. As the bugle's notes fill the air and the sky fades into twilight, you'll feel a deep appreciation for life, love, and the beauty of the moment.

MAKE YOUR SUNSET THE MAIN COURSE

Who says dinner can't come with a side of sunset? Dine al fresco at some of Southwest Michigan's top spots for sunset views:

- ***The Bistro on the Boulevard (St. Joseph):*** Overlooks Lake Michigan for a truly picturesque meal. *(See ad on page 55.)*
- ***Bentwood Tavern (New Buffalo):*** Dine by the water and soak in the vibrant sky.
- ***Grande Mere Inn (Stevensville):*** Enjoy cocktails and steak with a panoramic view of Grand Mere State Park. *(See ad below.)*
- ***LakeHouse Restaurant & Bar (St. Joseph):*** On the bluff between St. Joseph and Stevensville, enjoy stunning sunsets while dining outside or inside.
- ***Plank's Tavern (St. Joseph):*** Sip a beer by the marina on the St. Joseph River.
- ***Tabor Hill Winery (Buchanan):*** Raise a glass in the vineyard for a sunset you'll savor forever.

No matter your dining style, these spots pair great food and drinks with unforgettable views!

From sandy dunes to cozy wineries, Southwest Michigan's sunsets are nothing short of spectacular. So grab your loved ones, your camera, and maybe even a glass of wine—it's time to chase the sunset!

ARTS & CULTURE

Art and culture flourish in Southwest Michigan, creating a year-round tapestry of creativity and inspiration. From engaging galleries and vibrant murals to live music, theater, and lively community festivals, there are countless ways to experience the arts. Get hands-on in creative workshops, discover local makers at artisan markets, or explore the region's rich history through museums and cultural landmarks. Whether you're a devoted art lover or simply curious to explore, Southwest Michigan's creative spirit is sure to inspire.

KRASL ARTS CENTER- ST. JOSEPH

ART MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Southwest Michigan is a lively destination where creativity takes center stage. From well-known art museums to charming local galleries, the region offers a rich mix of inspiration for art lovers and curious explorers alike. Here are a few must-visit art museums and galleries to discover:

ARS Gallery Arts and Culture Center
Located in their new Lakeside location, this gallery offers a variety of workshops, classes, and events for people of all ages.
15300 Red Arrow Hwy, Lakeside, MI | 269-208-4409

Box Factory for the Arts
A historic factory turned arts center offering galleries, artist studios, live performances, and classes in a welcoming creative space.
1101 Broad St, St. Joseph | 269-983-3688 *(See ad on page 38)*

Krasl Art Center
A nonprofit museum featuring diverse exhibitions, outdoor sculptures, and engaging art programs that connect the community to the power of creativity. *(See ad on page 49)*
707 Lake Blvd, St. Joseph | 269-983-0271

Judy Ferrara Gallery
A sophisticated gallery highlighting contemporary works from regional and national artists in an inspiring setting.
16 S Elm St, Three Oaks | 269-756-9338

Local Color Gallery
An eclectic gallery featuring paintings, sculptures, and jewelry created by talented local artists.
16187 Red Arrow Hwy, Union Pier | 269-469-5332

Chartreuse Art Gallery
A co-op gallery showcasing a variety of artistic styles and mediums, from photography and ceramics to mixed media and textiles, all by local artists.
304 State St, St. Joseph | 269-983-0931

Water Street Glassworks
A unique gallery and studio in the Benton Harbor Arts District specializing in glass art and metalwork, with live demonstrations and classes.
140 Water St, Benton Harbor | 269-925-5555

From sculpture gardens to cozy galleries tucked into charming small towns, Berrien County is a celebration of artistry in all its forms.

Whether you're a casual admirer or an avid collector, this creative haven invites you to explore, experience, and be inspired.

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CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

A fun way to explore the creative scene

Creative Connections encourages people to discover Southwest Michigan's creative side by visiting stops along the regional arts and culture scene. These include theaters, interactive museums, a carousel, galleries and more. What's in it for you? In addition to rich cultural experiences and lasting memories, you can earn unique prizes for visiting participating locations. Check in at each one to reach 3 prize levels.

Whether you live in Southwest Michigan or are looking for something to do during your stay, Creative Connections is the perfect activity for the whole family, a solo adventure or a group of friends. Make plans to visit some of the destinations, check out the work of local artists, learn about our history and collect stamps to earn prizes.

We're excited to see people embracing our arts and enhancing their vacations with our rich culture!

Visit swmichigan.org/creative

HELPFUL HINT

Scan the code for game instructions, program updates and more.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS 3 Prize Levels

Level 1: Visit 3 different destinations to complete.

Level 2: Visit 3 additional destinations to complete.

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Art & Culture of Southwest Michigan

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SCAN ME

See murals and addresses to admire the local murals.

Holt Bosse
St. Joseph

MUSIC & THEATRE

Whatever your vibe—live music, theater, comedy, or dance—Southwest Michigan's got it! From **free concerts** (hello, Friday Night Concerts and Sunday St. Joseph Municipal Band performances) to **clubs and cafes buzzing with live gigs,** the region's entertainment scene is alive and thriving.

THE GHOSTLIGHT THEATRE
BENTON HARBOR

BENTON HARBOR

The GhostLight Theatre -Located in the Benton Harbor Arts District, The GhostLight Theatre seeks to illuminate the arts and culture of SW Michigan through the Theatre Arts. It is a collaboration of local performing artists, business people, arts supporters, and enthusiastic audience members. 101 Hinkley St.

The Lake Michigan College Mendel Center - The region's premier location for events, weddings, meetings, and performing arts. The Mendel Center hosts more than 40,000 annual visitors. 2755 E Napier Ave.

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The Howard Performing Arts Center - An elite acoustical facility designed for the performance of classical music. The Howard has hosted several world-class performers from the international classical circuit. 4160 E Campus Circle Dr.

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The Beckwith Theatre Company - Its beginning dates back to the turn of the century. Productions include dramas, comedies, musicals, and even a bit of Shakespeare. 100 New York Ave.

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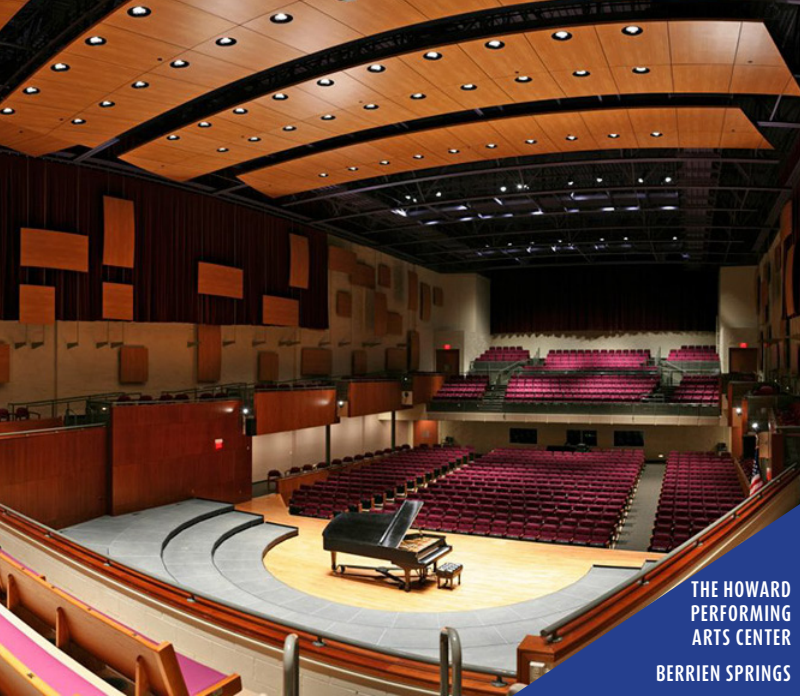
Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds Casino - Catch the greatest names in show business at Four Winds' Silver Creek Event Center. From rock to country to stand-up comedy, Silver Creek has a show for you. 11111 Wilson Rd.



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MUSEUMS & HISTORY

Museums aren't just places to learn — they're places to explore, imagine, and make lasting memories. In Southwest Michigan, museums invite visitors of all ages to step into the past, experience vibrant cultures, and spark curiosity along the way. While books and screens tell the story, there's nothing quite like seeing history up close, standing where it happened, and interacting with hands-on exhibits.

From Underground Railroad stories and Great Lakes maritime heritage to African American history and the lives of the region's earliest settlers, these museums offer fascinating windows into the past. Traveling with kids? Even better. Interactive children's museums encourage learning through play, while transportation fans can dive into exhibits focused on railroads, classic cars, and even amusement park history.

Best of all, Southwest Michigan's history and culture are waiting just around the corner. Add a few of these unique museums to your itinerary, and you'll leave with new insights, unforgettable stories, and maybe even a favorite moment from history.

ENCOUNTER THE PAST TODAY!

Here's your museum guide to Southwest Michigan:

African American History & Literature Gallery
725 Broadway, Benton Harbor

Berrien County Historical Association
313 N Cass St, Berrien Springs

Bloomingdale Depot Museum
215 W Spring St, Bloomingdale

Curious Kids' Museum
415 Lake Blvd, St. Joseph

Curious Kids' Discovery Zone
333 Broad St, St. Joseph

Dowagiac Area History Museum
201 E Division St, Dowagiac

Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum
903 Bailey Ave, South Haven

Edwardsburg Historical Museum
26818 Main St, Edwardsburg

Heddon Museum
115 S Front St, Dowagiac

James E. Bonine House
18970 M-60, Vandalia

Michigan Flywheelers Museum
06285 68th St, South Haven

Morton House Museum
501 Territorial Rd, Benton Harbor

New Buffalo Railroad Museum
530 S Whittaker St, New Buffalo

Niles History Center
508 E Main St, Niles

North Berrien Historical Museum
300 Coloma Ave, Coloma

Pioneer Log Cabin Museum
400 S Broadway St, Cassopolis

Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum
Andrews University, 9047 Old US 31, Berrien Springs

The Old Rugged Cross Foundation
61041 Vermont St, Pokagon

Underground Railroad Society of Cass County
18970 M-60, Vandalia

From history buffs to curious kiddos, there's a museum for everyone in Southwest Michigan. So, what are you waiting for? Dive into our stories, celebrate our culture, and create memories you'll treasure forever!

THE ART OF FINE FOOD & DRINK

Southwest Michigan is a food and drink lover's paradise, offering a delicious blend of culinary experiences and craft beverages. From farm-to-table restaurants serving up locally sourced delights to award-winning wineries, craft breweries, cideries, and distilleries, there's something to satisfy every palate. Sip your way along the Makers Trail, indulge in seasonal specialties, and enjoy breathtaking views from vineyard patios or waterfront dining spots. Whether you're craving a hearty meal, a crisp glass of wine, or a flight of craft beer, Southwest Michigan's vibrant food and drink scene promises to delight.

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Talented chefs — many trained in New York City and Chicago — craft menus inspired by nearby farms and perfectly paired with craft beverages and regionally inspired cocktails. From indulgent desserts and shareable small plates to vegetarian, vegan, and expertly grilled steakhouse classics, there's something to satisfy every craving. You'll also discover authentic ethnic cuisine, featuring cherished recipes passed down through generations.

Top it all off with sweeping views of Lake Michigan, the St. Joseph River, and charming downtowns, plus friendly, welcoming service — and you've found a dining scene worth savoring again and again.

Find a directory of our incredible restaurants on page 7.

Timothy's Restaurant
Union Pier

FOOD TRUCKS ROLL HERE

Why settle for an ordinary meal when you can enjoy something extraordinary from one of Southwest Michigan's food trucks? From grabbing a bite with bluff-top views at Lookout Park in St. Joseph to fueling up after a beach day at Warren Dunes State Park or pairing bold flavors with craft beer at a local brewery, there's always a food truck nearby serving up something delicious. You'll also spot them at festivals, concerts, and community events — these rolling kitchens are always on the move, bringing big flavor and local flair wherever they park.

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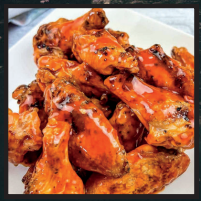

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What's the best part? Each stop on the trail has its own personality, offering flights paired with local cheeses, grilled meats, fresh veggies, or chocolate truffles. With over 40 locations to explore, every sip tells a story.

Plan Your Trail Adventure:

- Download the Visit Southwest Michigan App: Collect stamps at each location and earn rewards!
- Map It Out: Use the app or grab a printed guide at participating locations or hotels.
- Taste More: Order flights to sample a variety of creations at each stop.
- Earn Prizes: Scan QR codes at each destination to unlock rewards.

Ready to join the Makers Trail Flight Crew? Visit www.makerstrail.org for all the details.

You can also map out your flight path using the Makers Trail Guide on the free app. Printed maps will be available at participating hotels and Makers Trail locations. Then, start visiting each location. Each destination has a distinct personality and serves specialties to showcase each maker's craftsmanship. Order a flight so you can taste more!

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Collect digital stamps by scanning QR codes at Makers Trail locations to earn rewards with the Makers Trail Passport. Download your 2025/2026 Makers Trail Flight Crew Passport NOW! Then, taste your way through Berrien County visiting over 40 local wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries between now and April 30, 2026. The more you visit, the more passport access codes you can scan, the more rewards you can earn. Traveling the Makers Trail is fun, relaxing and a great way to find favorite craft beverages.

Once you visit a location, ask your server for their unique access code to earn that location on the app. They'll give you a QR code to scan. Each time you complete a level, your information will automatically be saved. It's that easy! Download it NOW to get started!

12 Corners Vineyards

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BREWERIES, CIDERIES , DISTILLERIES AND WINERIES

BREWERIES:

Cassopolis Beer Co
139 N Broadway St, Cassopolis
cassopolisbeerco.com

Final Gravity
103 N Phils St, Decatur
finalgravitybrew.com

Ghost Isle Brewery
17684 US-12, New Buffalo
ghostislebrewery.com

Haymarket Brewing
9301 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman
haymarketbrewing.com

Hill District by North Pier
107 Higman Park Rd, Benton Harbor
northpierbrewing.com/hilldistrict

Lake Time Brewing
4236 Lake St, Bridgman
laketimebrewing.com

The Livery Microbrewery
190 5th St, Benton Harbor
liverybrew.com

Niles Brewing Company
206 E Main St, Niles
nilesbrewing.com

North Pier Brewing Company
670 North Shore Dr,
Benton Harbor
northpierbrewing.com

River St. Joe
15475 Walton Rd, Buchanan
riversaintjoe.com

Round Barn Brewery & Public House
9151 First St, Baroda
roundbarnpublichouse.com

Round Barn Winery, Distillery & Brewery
Baroda Tasting Room & Estate
10983 Hills Rd, Baroda
roundbarnwinery.com

Silver Harbor Brewing Company
721 Pleasant St, St. Joseph
silverharborbrewing.com

Sister Lakes Brewing
92500 Co Rd 690, Dowagiac
isterlakesbrewing.com

Seedz Brewery
16321 Red Arrow Hwy, Union Pier
www.seedzbrewery.com

Transient Artisan Ales
4229 Lake St, Bridgman
transientartisanales.com

Watermark Brewing Company
5781 St. Joseph Ave, Stevensville
watermarkbrewing.com

CIDERIES:

Carriage House Ciders
920 North Shore Dr, Benton Harbor
chciders.com

Peat's Cider Social
6201 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville
peatscider.com

Thistledown & Row
103 Days Ave, Buchanan
thistledownandrow.com

DISTILLERIES:

Free Run Cellars Berrien Springs Tasting Room
10062 Burgoyne Rd, Berrien Springs
freeruncellars.com

Iron Shoe Distillery
3 North 3rd St, Niles
ironshoedistillery.com

Journeyman Distillery
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journeymandistillery.com

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LOCATIONS

- Baroda
- Benton Harbor
- Berrien Springs
- Bridgman
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- Cassopolis
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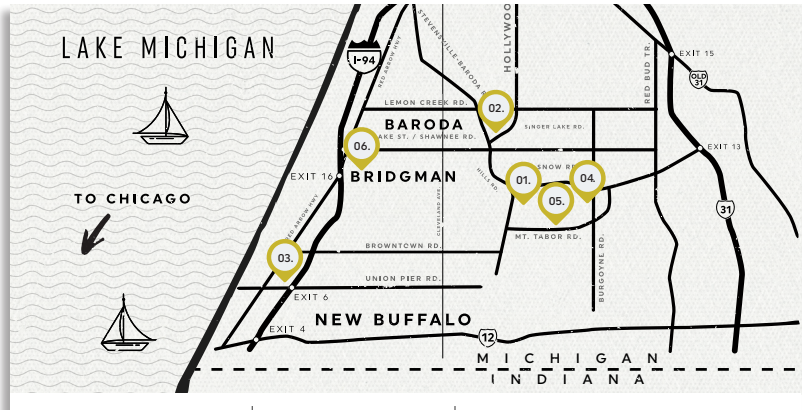

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  12corners.com
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  415 State St, St. Joseph
  founderswinecellar.com
- **Baroda Founders Wine Cellar**
  8963 Hills Rd, Baroda
  founderswinecellar.com
- **Chill Hill Winery**
  8986 1st St, Baroda
  chillhill.net
- **Contessa Wine Cellars**
  3235 Friday Rd, Coloma
  contessawinecellars.com
- **Dablon Vineyards**
  111 W. Shawnee Rd, Baroda
  Dablon.com
- **Domaine Berrien Cellars**
  398 E. Lemon Creek Rd, Berrien Springs
  domaineberrien.com
- **Filkins Vineyards**
  6991 Ryno Rd, Coloma
  filkinsvineyards.com
- **Free Run Cellars**
  10062 Burgoyne Rd, Berrien Springs
  freeruncellars.com
- **Golden Muse Winery**
  8903 Stevensville-Baroda Rd, Baroda
  goldenmusewinery.com
- **Gravity Vineyard & Winery**
  10220 Lauer Rd, Baroda
  gravitywine.com
- **Hickory Creek Winery**
  750 Browntown Rd, Buchanan
  hickorycreekwinery.com
- **Lake Michigan Vintners**
  2774 E Empire Ave, Benton Harbor
  lakemichiganvintners.com
- **Lazy Ballerina Winery**
  321 State St, St. Joseph
  lazyballerinawinery.com
- **Lehman's Orchard Brewery & Farmhouse**
  2280 Portage Rd, Niles
  lehmansorchard.com
- **Lemon Creek Winery**
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  redtopwinery.com

- **Round Barn & Free Run Cellars Union Pier Tasting Room**
  9185 Union Pier Rd, Union Pier
  roundbarnwinery.com
  freeruncellars.com

- **Round Barn Public House**
  9151 First St, Baroda
  roundbarnpublichouse.com

- **Round Barn Winery**
  10983 Hills Rd, Baroda
  roundbarnwinery.com

- **St. Julian Winery Union Pier Tasting Room**
  9145 Union Pier Rd, Union Pier
  stjulian.com

- **Tabor Hill Winery Champagne Cellar**
  10243 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman
  taborhill.com

- **Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant**
  185 Mount Tabor Rd, Buchanan
  taborhill.com

- **Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room**
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HERE ARE A FEW RULES TO HELP YOU ENJOY THE SOCIAL DISTRICTS

- Anyone is welcome, but only those 21+ can purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.
- Purchases are made at participating businesses and cannot be brought into other establishments that sell alcohol.
- Finish your alcoholic beverage before you leave because these drinks cannot be removed from the Social District.
- When you finish you must toss the cup into a trash bin as the cup cannot be reused, even at the same establishment.
- Leave your drinks at home as they cannot be brought into the Social District areas.
- Drink responsibly and enjoy your time in Michigan's Great Southwest!

SOCIAL DISTRICT DO'S AND DON'TS:

- Do buy your beverage from a participating business.
- Don't bring your own drinks or reuse cups.
- Do drink responsibly and toss your cup in the trash before leaving the district.
- Don't take your drink into other establishments that sell alcohol.

Drink, stroll, and enjoy the lively atmosphere responsibly in Michigan's Great Southwest!

SOCIAL DISTRICT
DOWNTOWN ST. JOSEPH

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SAFE TRAVELS

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Reasons and Tips for planning your wedding in Southwest Michigan

- **More Dates to Choose -** Popular summer Saturdays book fast! Consider Fridays, Sundays, or off-season months like spring, fall, and winter for more flexibility.
  Tip: Lock in your date 18–24 months in advance.
- **Budget-Friendly Venues -** Many venues offer seasonal discounts. Ask about their off-peak rates to save big!
  Tip: Winter, spring, and fall dates are often the best bargains.
- **More Hotel Options -**Visit Southwest Michigan offers a free hotel bid service to help you snag the best room rates for your guests.
  Tip: Off-season months mean better prices and more availability.
- **Availability of Vendors -** Local caterers, florists, DJs, and photographers often cost less than those in bigger wedding hubs—and they're just as talented!
  Tip: Book in the off-season to get your first choices.
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- **Fun for Guests -** Your guests will love the activities here—golf, kayaking, fishing charters, Makers Trail craft beverage tours, skiing, concerts, and more.

Tip: Ask Visit Southwest Michigan for brochures and maps to include in welcome packets.

Find everything you need to plan your dream day at swmichigan.org/weddings.

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- **Creative Connections**- Tap into the region's vibrant arts scene with hands-on experiences like wine-and-canvas classes, glassblowing, or live performances. The Creative Connections Challenge adds extra fun, letting you earn rewards while you create, shop, and explore local art.
- **Beach Bliss** - Spend the day lounging on Lake Michigan's soft, golden sand or watching waves roll in along the shore. If the weather's cool, sunset watching is a must — few things top the lake's dramatic evening glow.
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ACCESSIBLE SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN FOR EVERY ABILITY

Looking for a vacation destination that's welcoming and accessible for all? Southwest Michigan makes it easy to explore with confidence. Throughout the region, you'll find thoughtful ADA accommodations for wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and service animals — so everyone can enjoy the experience. From beaches and attractions to entertainment, shopping, and comfortable lodging, Southwest Michigan offers plenty of accessible ways to relax, explore, and have fun. Here's a look at what awaits.

7 ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

Along with seven wheelchair accessible beaches, four have free-to-use beach wheelchairs. Spending time at Lake Michigan is one of the top reasons to visit this beach resort area. Paved sidewalks, boardwalks, ramps and beach wheelchairs make it easier to be near the water. Our nine accessible beaches are:

Silver Beach County Park, 101 Broad St., St. Joseph. A barrier-free walkway from the parking lot runs along the beachfront and throughout the park. The walkway gives access to the Dunes Pavilion (a picnic spot), Shadowland Pavilion (an entertainment and wedding venue) and the South Pier. For easier access to the water during the summer, reserve a beach wheelchair for free at the office next to the restrooms.

Lions Park Beach, south end of Lions Park Drive, St. Joseph. This small beach offers barrier-free access to the picnic pavilions, each with great views of Lake Michigan. It's also a trailhead to the paved and shaded John and Dede Howard Family Recreational Trail.

Tiscornia Beach Park, 80 Ridgeway St., St. Joseph. It's tough to top this park's scenic views of the historic North Pier Lighthouse, St. Joseph River and Lake Michigan. Park near the beach and access the North Pier, picnic areas and restrooms.

Jean Klock Park Beach, Jean Klock Drive, Benton Harbor. If you don't want to be caught in crowds, this is a beautiful destination. Park near the picnic pavilion or restrooms for views of Lake Michigan, the dunes and the North Pier Lighthouse. This is also one of the access points to the 12 miles of paved Harbor Shores Nature & Fitness Trails that take you by Lake Michigan and the Paw Paw and St. Joseph Rivers.

Weko Beach & Campground, 5237 Lake St., Bridgman. Nestled in 42 acres of picturesque wooded dunes, this is a wonderful place to experience the great outdoors, relax and enjoy the soft, sandy beaches and refreshing waters of Lake Michigan. The park makes this easier for everyone with their sand-and-water accessible wheelchair that you can reserve at no cost from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., May through mid-September. Stop by the beach house to check availability. The park also has two 50-foot, ADA-accessible Mobi-Mats. The mat provides a smooth surface for moving wheelchairs, strollers and wagons between the parking lot and the beachfront.

Warren Dunes State Park, 12032 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer. It is amazing to see these towering dunes! You can reach this park's 3 miles of sandy shoreline with one of the two, free-to-use beach wheelchairs during the summer. You also can navigate some of the 6 miles of nature trails. A plus to this destination is its dog beach which is accessible from the northernmost parking lot. Keep your pet on a six-foot-or-shorter leash here and throughout the park.

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New Buffalo Beach & Lakefront Park, 200 Marquette Dr, New Buffalo. A boardwalk extends from the parking lot to the concession area and toward the 800-foot beachfront. Another boardwalk creates a nature trail along the dune line. See the lifeguard for the park's beach wheelchair that gets you to the water's edge.

GO FISHING OR KAYAKING

There are four popular places with ADA accommodations to wet your line; one of them has a barrier-free kayak launch, too.

Tiscornia Beach Park, 80 Ridgeway St., St. Joseph. Roll out from the parking lot onto the North Pier. Join other anglers reeling in Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Steelhead plus Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Channel Catfish, Freshwater Drum and Yellow Perch.

Riverview Park, 2927 Niles Road, St. Joseph. When you enter this 107-acre city park located on a bend of the St. Joseph River, take the first dirt road on the left. Park and wheel up to fish on the river's bank. Bring bait and lures for Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Channel Catfish and Flathead Catfish.

Carronde Park, 2650-2698 Riverbend Drive, Benton Harbor, is just across the St. Joseph River. In the spring time, you can enjoy their newly installed accessible kayak launch, too.

Paw Paw River County Park, 650 N. Main St., Watervliet. This tranquil park is one of Berrien County's newest and it was designed with your accessibility in mind. There are hard-surface hiking trails, a bridge to a river island, fishing access and a barrier-free kayak launch so you can fully enjoy this scenic setting. If you bring your pole, the Paw Paw River has 39 fish species including Walleye, Bass, Bluegill, Black Crappie and Northern Pike.

3 ACCESSIBLE PLACES TO PLAY AND FEEL THE MAGIC

Whether you are in a stroller, wheelchair or cruising with another mobility-assisted device, there are four places that delight all ages in St. Joseph.

Curious Kids' Museum at 415 Lake Blvd. and Curious Kids' Discovery Zone in the Silver Beach Center, at 333 Broad St., feature more than 100 interactive activities and exhibits to spark your child's imagination and a love of learning. Toddlers to young teens with all abilities will not be in a hurry to leave these facilities made just for them.

Warren Dunes State Park
Sawyer

Whirlpool Compass Park is a giant splash pad below the bluff on Broad Street. It creates free, refreshing water play from Memorial Day until the end of September.

Silver Beach Carousel at 333 Broad St. is a year-round gem. It has 48 hand-carved and painted figures plus two chariots that are magical to ride whether you are 1 or 100 years old. The Serpent Chariot is wheelchair accessible and earplugs are available to anyone with sensory sensitivities, so you can experience firsthand why this is billed as the happiest place in Southwest Michigan. *(See ad on page 15)*

ROLLABLE DOWNTOWNS

One of the reasons you will like rolling into St. Joseph and Benton Harbor are the sidewalks. The downtown St. Joseph sidewalks connect you to shops, restaurants, winery tasting rooms, breweries, historic neighborhoods and art galleries. Many of these places also have parking spaces outside their doors.

St. Joseph's sidewalks also lead to the shaded Lake Bluff Park and the John E.N. Howard Bandshell where there are farm markets, music, art fairs and more. Or take these walkways down the bluff to Margaret Upton Arboretum along the St. Joseph River. Or use the paved ramp by the covered stairs to reach Silver Beach Pizza, the Amtrak train station and all of Silver Beach's fun spots.

Another sidewalk friendly destination is Benton Harbor's Arts District. Here you can easily access indoor and outdoor venues for art, music, theater, dance and some of the region's most-talked-about craft brews and locally sourced foods served up on small and large plates.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

When you or someone you love is neurodivergent, feeling comfortable and welcomed can make all the difference while traveling. Southwest Michigan offers a variety of sensory-friendly, low-stimulation activities designed to help everyone feel at ease. Many of the places listed below allow for flexible visits, making it easy to step away if a space doesn't feel quite right. Here are a few calming activities and locations to consider as you plan your trip.

LOW-STIMULATION ACTIVITIES

BREATHE IN NATURE AT FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NATURE PRESERVE

This is a favorite destination for many individuals and families. It offers fragrant flowers and herbs, a soothing water wheel, a bird-watching station, trails to wetlands, a pond, the St. Joseph River and a much-loved outdoor railway garden. The garden trails are paved, but the nature preserve trails are not wheelchair accessible. Bring your snowshoes in the winter.

FIND SERENITY WHILE YOU PADDLE OR PEDAL

You will find dozens of scenic places to paddle, from rivers and inland lakes to ponds and Lake Michigan. The best times to see wildlife along the banks or shores are early morning and evening. Paddling at sunset is soul-stirring all year.

If you don't own a kayak or SUP, Third Coast Paddling offers rental options on the Paw Paw and Galien Rivers and at Silver Beach County Park. Doe-Wah-Jack Canoe Rental provides canoe and kayak rentals for trips on the Dowagiac River. Scooter Joe's Wheel & Water Rentals is your one-stop-shop for street-legal golf carts to bike surreys, bicycles, kayaks, Lily Pads, pontoon boats and beach wagons for towing your beach gear.

HIKING TRAILS - QUIET AND BEAUTIFUL ALL YEAR

All four seasons are gorgeous on Southwest Michigan's trails. Whether you enjoy strolling through the woods, a rigorous dune climb, shifting gears on a twisty mountain bike trail or gliding across a sparkling winter wonderland on cross-country skis, you will make sensory friendly memories here.

STARGAZING AT DR. T.K. LAWLESS PARK — AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK

Stargazing may not be the first thing you think of for a sensory friendly outdoor activity, but it's difficult to surpass. You do not need a telescope or other equipment, just your eyes and a comfortable place to sit — a blanket or lawn chair works. Gazing up at the stars, planets and meteors has many sensory benefits, such as experiencing no light pollution and the peaceful quiet. We are fortunate that one of the best places to see the night sky in the Midwest is Dr. T.K. Lawless County Park, an International Dark Sky Park.

U-PICK FARMS AND MARKETS

This sensory friendly activity is one of our favorites from spring through fall (you also can choose your holiday tree in the winter). Southwest Michigan is nationally renowned for the variety of foods we grow. Many of our farmers welcome visitors to their orchards, fields and farm stands. Even the pickiest eaters will agree that a sun-ripened Michigan strawberry, cherry, peach, pear or apple is sweeter, juicier and tastier than store-bought. There is also nothing to compare with choosing your own fresh-harvested vegetables or, in the fall, hefting the plumpest pumpkin from the field to bring home and carve.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES - SENSORY-INCLUSIVE SPACES AND ACTIVITIES

Our local libraries take great pride in being some of the most sensory-inclusive spaces in Southwest Michigan. Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville, is a Kulturecity® certified Sensory Inclusive™ venue. When you arrive, go to the circulation desk and request a sensory bag with fidget toys and headphones. This library hosts sensory friendly movies and other activities. It also has a quiet zone and a headphone zone to accommodate each visitor's changing needs.

St. Joseph's Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library is a tranquil, calming place, especially on rainy or busy beach days. Ask at the circulation desk for a sensory bag. In it, you will find four social stories, a weighted blanket, headphones, sunglasses, fidget toys, Picture Exchange Communication (PECs) cards, a rainmaker toy and a bubble motion toy to entertain or draw your child into interactive play with your child. When needed, you and your child can escape to a designated quiet room or area.

7 Ways to Push Your Senses

1. Attend the Berrien County Youth Fair
2. Travel back in time at Eden Springs Park
3. Race Go-Karts at Hidden Pointe
4. Attend an outdoor concert
5. Discover where hard cider meets bowling at Peat's Cider Social
6. Take in the buzz of the crowd when you eat indoors at Silver Beach Pizza
7. Run through one of five area splash pads

PUSH IT TO THE LIMITS

CHALLENGE YOUR SENSES

When you or your child thrill at being in a high-stimulation environment of flashing lights, loud sounds, intense smells or lots of action, try these seven exciting activities.

SHARE YOUR SENSORY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
As you know, it can be a challenge to find sensory friendly activities when you travel. Help us spread the word by posting your experiences with **#swmichigan**. We want you to find life's simple joys when you are here.

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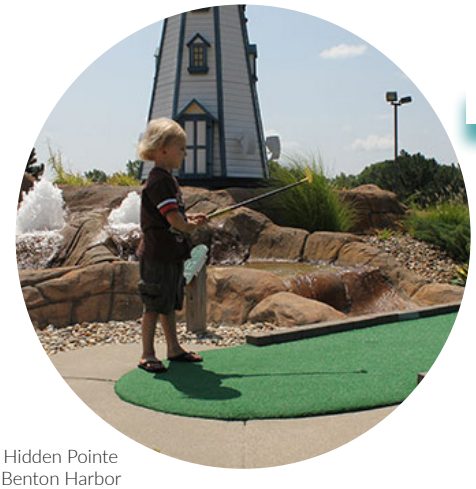
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7 TIPS FOR A STAY WITH YOUR PET

1. Make sure your pet is up-to-date on vaccinations. With so many places to visit, your pet will likely encounter other people and their animals. We want all of our four-legged friends to stay healthy.
2. Keep your pet close with a six-foot or shorter leash. The one exception is our designated leash-free dog parks. There, you are expected to be in control of your pet at all times.
3. NEVER leave your pet in a vehicle during warm temperatures.
4. Clean up after your pet. You will find free pet waste bags in marked dispensers throughout downtown St. Joseph, Lake Bluff Park, the John and Dede Howard Family Recreational Trail and in other communities.
5. There are doggy drinking fountains located in our parks and beaches. On hot days especially, carry water and a bowl to keep your pet hydrated.
6. Heed all posted warnings and flags along the shorelines and beaches — high waves, rip currents and undertows are unsafe for pets and their people.
7. Look for the pet-friendly decals at the entrance to area businesses to tell at a glance where your pet is welcome.

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TEAM BUILDING IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

One of the biggest reasons to host meetings or reunions in Southwest Michigan is the incredible range of experiences that bring people closer together. Strengthen bonds and build trust by sharing the excitement of reeling in a hard-fighting salmon, pushing limits with axe throwing, cable wakeboarding, or tackling white-knuckle mountain bike trails. When it's time to slow down, reconnect over craft beverage tastings, peaceful paddles along scenic rivers, farm-fresh harvest experiences, or hands-on cooking and glass-making classes. In Southwest Michigan, even the most diverse groups find meaningful ways to connect.

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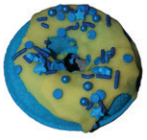

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MORNING TEAM BUILDING IDEAS

Interacting or conversing is key to these start-your-day activities. Here some morning options to jump start your team building.

BENTON HARBOR ARTS DISTRICT
(APPROXIMATELY 2½ - 3 HOURS)
This walkable neighborhood is one of the most vibrant in Southwest Michigan's art scene. Spend your morning visiting the Benton Harbor Arts District shops and art galleries where you can often meet the artists. Before coming, arrange for a private class in fused glass, mosaics or bead/jewelry making at Water Street Glassworks. If time permits, enjoy brunch at one of the Arts District's eclectic selection of restaurants: Mason Jar Café, Forte Coffe, The Livery or Sourdough House & Coffee Bar.

GOLF
(APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)
Fuel your team's passion for the game by playing on courses where big-name amateur and professional golfers have sunk breath-holding putts to win championships. Or on courses that make playing fun for learners to every level in your group. Benton Harbor golf courses are not only top picks, but are within minutes of most meeting venues. The on-site clubhouses and restaurants let you quench your thirst or share stories over a snack or meal.

- **Harbor Shores Golf Course:** A championship, 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature design.
- **Lake Michigan Hills Golf Course:** This course has consistently received a four-star rating from Golf Digest's — Best Places to Play.
- **Point o' Woods Golf & Country Club:** Robert Trent Jones, Sr., claims this is one of his best designs in America.

In the off-seasons or on a rainy day, bring the team to Pipestone Indoor Country Club in the Benton Harbor Arts District. Hone your beginning to pro-level skills on the virtual links of Golf Digest's premier simulators. Benton Harbor

CHARTER A FISHING TRIP
(APPROXIMATELY 4 HOURS)
Smaller groups can hook up with a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain and wet their lines in Southwest Michigan's rivers and Lake Michigan. Experience the thrill of reeling in Chinook and Coho salmon, steelhead, trout, perch, catfish and walleye. Launch from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, New Buffalo and South Haven. Charters supply the bait, tackle and fish cleaning.

Team Building in Southwest Michigan

One of the top reasons to meet or hold reunions in Southwest Michigan is the abundance of ways you can strengthen bonds, fortify relationships and deepen trust and respect. Solidify your team by share the thrill of reeling in a feisty salmon. Push your limits by throwing axes, cable wakeboarding or mountain biking white-knuckle trails. Or unwind together in your free time, tasting craft beverages, paddling scenic rivers, harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables or taking cooking or glass-making classes. Even the most disparate groups grow closer.

HARBOR SHORES
BENTON HARBOR

LIGHTHOUSE TOUR
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AFTERNOON TEAM BUILDING OPTIONS

Here are ways to fire up your team, unify new with old members or flip the attitudes of meeting-weary or jaded participants.

SAIL ON TALL SHIP MJ (APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)
This activity is sure to have your team talking for days! Reserve your Lake Michigan sail aboard the MJ, a vintage sailing schooner that has that "old friend" feeling even when meeting her for the first time! She is modeled after work boats from Nova Scotia that were popular about 100 years ago.

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TAKE A COOKING OR CRAFT BEVERAGE CLASS
(APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)
Southwest Michigan is home to Whirlpool Corporation, an international leader in home appliance manufacturing, so our community loves learning to cook. It also has bragging rights for being one of the best wine, beer, cider and spirits-making regions in the country. So, several places offer cooking, food-pairing dinners and cocktail mixing classes.

Arrange team-learning experiences with The Culinary Cottage, Perennial Accents, River Saint Joe Brewery, Free Run Cellars, Round Barn Winery & Estate and more.

You can also find new favorite craft beverages while tasting along the Makers Trail. With over 40 wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries within minutes of each other, you can dedicate a couple of hours to finding new favorites. Tour services are available to make visiting even easier.

LIGHTHOUSE TOUR & PADDLING (APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)
If you meet during spring through fall, these two activities get two thumbs-up from planners. Arrange a guided tour of the century-old North Pier lighthouse, including climbing to the top for an incredible view of Lake Michigan, the St. Joseph Harbor and beyond. It is accessible from Tiscornia Park.

Pair this activity with renting kayaks or stand-up paddleboards from Third Coast Paddling and taking in the beautiful scenery of the Paw Paw River, Silver Beach, the Galien River and at Warren Dunes State Park.

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CRAFT CIDER + BOWLING
(APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS)
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ENJOY A LIVE PERFORMANCE OR CONCERT
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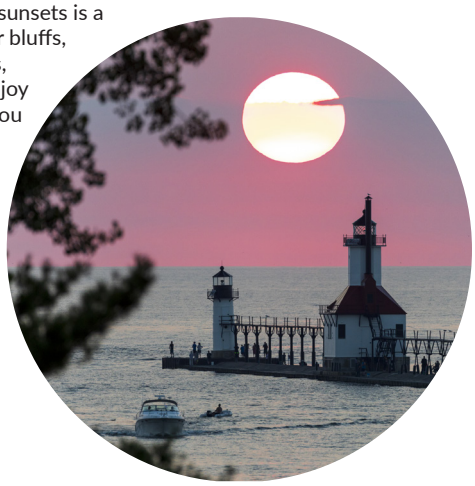
For more than a century, Southwest Michigan has attracted renowned actors, performers, musicians and poets to our theaters, indoor and outdoor performing arts venues, music events, fairs and festivals. These shows will open your team's minds, fire up their passions and spark ideas. Some popular live performance venues to attend as a team or with traveling companions are The Mendel Center, The Acorn, The GhostLight Theatre, Twin City Players, and Howard Performing Arts Center.

WATCH AN INCREDIBLE SUNSET
(APPROXIMATELY 1½ HOURS)
Whether along the coast or inland, Southwest Michigan's sunsets are renowned around the world! The horizon can become a splash of orange, peach, gold, scarlet, lavender and cream with the sun becoming a hazy yellow or fiery red ball. Watching sunsets is a ritual here, gazing from our bluffs, shores, across our marshes, orchards and vineyards. Enjoy an ice cream or coffee as you watch from land. Or take an awe-inspiring sunset cruise on the Southwest Michigan CycleBoat, Nia's Pontoons, the New Buffalo Sailing Excursions, Oselka Marina yacht cruise or The SunSetter.



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EVENTS
Looking for something happening during your visit? Visit Southwest Michigan features a regularly updated calendar of events across the region. From festivals and live music to seasonal celebrations and community happenings, you can search by event name or narrow results to the exact dates you'll be here. Be sure to check back often — new events are added year-round.

THINGS TO DO
Southwest Michigan's diverse landscape means endless opportunities for outdoor recreation and adventure. Online, you'll find a comprehensive list of parks, beaches, trails, and outdoor activities, along with even more attractions visitors love. Whether you're seeking family-friendly fun, cultural experiences, or adrenaline-filled adventures, you'll also discover a wide range of entertainment options — plus plenty of "shoptions" for those who love to browse local boutiques and specialty stores.

FOOD & DRINK
While this guide showcases many standout restaurants and craft beverage makers, there's so much more to discover online. Visit Southwest Michigan's dining and Makers Trail listings provide expanded details, including wheelchair accessibility, pet-friendly locations, and tasting experiences. From cozy cafés to bold culinary adventures, your next favorite bite or sip is waiting.

PLAN & STAY
From finding the perfect place to stay to building itineraries and planning group events, swmichigan.org puts everything you need at your fingertips. The team at Visit Southwest Michigan is eager to help you make the most of your visit — whether you're planning a weekend escape, family vacation, or group gathering.

Start exploring, start planning, and let Visit Southwest Michigan help you experience it all.

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About Visit Southwest Michigan

Visit Southwest Michigan is the region's official destination marketing organization dedicated to connecting travelers with all that Southwest Michigan has to offer. Since 1982, the organization has worked to showcase accommodations, attractions, dining, events, outdoor recreation, and cultural experiences across communities like St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Stevensville, and beyond, helping visitors plan memorable stays along the Lake Michigan shoreline and throughout the area.

Contact Visit Southwest Michigan

2300 Pipestone Road
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Visit the website for the most up-to-date information and complete listing for each category.

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baymontinn4515@yahoo.com
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THE BOULEVARD INN
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All-suite hotel with an on-site restaurant and a bluff view of Lake Michigan. Walk to shops, beaches and festivals.

CANDLEWOOD SUITES
2567 W. Marquette Woods Rd, Stevensville
269-428-4400
Full-size, fully equipped kitchens, free laundry, private patio grill area, hot tub and fitness center.

KICK BACK & RELAX!

COMFORT SUITES - BENTON HARBOR
1825 Meadowbrook Rd, Benton Harbor
269-925-8800
gm.mi226@choicehotels.com
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2633 W. Marquette Woods Rd, Stevensville
269-428-4888
gm.mi240@choicehotels.com
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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
1295 Cinema Way, Benton Harbor
269-210-3000
courtyardbh.frontdesk@gmail.com
The Bistro offers morning breakfast choices and drinks and dinner in the evening.

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Farmers Market
St. Joseph

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Jolly Orchards
Coloma

Berrien County Youth Fair -
Berrien Springs

INN AT HARBOR SHORES
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269-925-1880
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269-927-2484
i0043@redroof.com
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RODEWAY INN
2723 Niles Ave, Saint Joseph
269-982-3333
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Livery Brewery
Benton Harbor

Downtown
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Downtown Dowagiac

Jolly Orchards
Coloma

SILVER BEACH HOTEL
100 Main St, Saint Joseph
269-983-7341
gm@thesilverbeachhotel.com
Views of the St. Joseph River and Lake Michigan, walk to shops, beaches, restaurants and festivals.

SPRINGHILL SUITES
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269-338-8300
springhillbh@gmail.com
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STAYBRIDGE SUITES
1275 Cinema Way, Benton Harbor
269-371-0000
staybridgebh@gmail.com
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SPARK BY HILTON STEVENSVILLE
5050 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville
269-588-1996
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SUPER 8 - BENTON HARBOR
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269-926-1371
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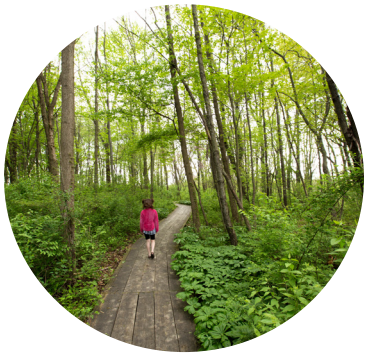

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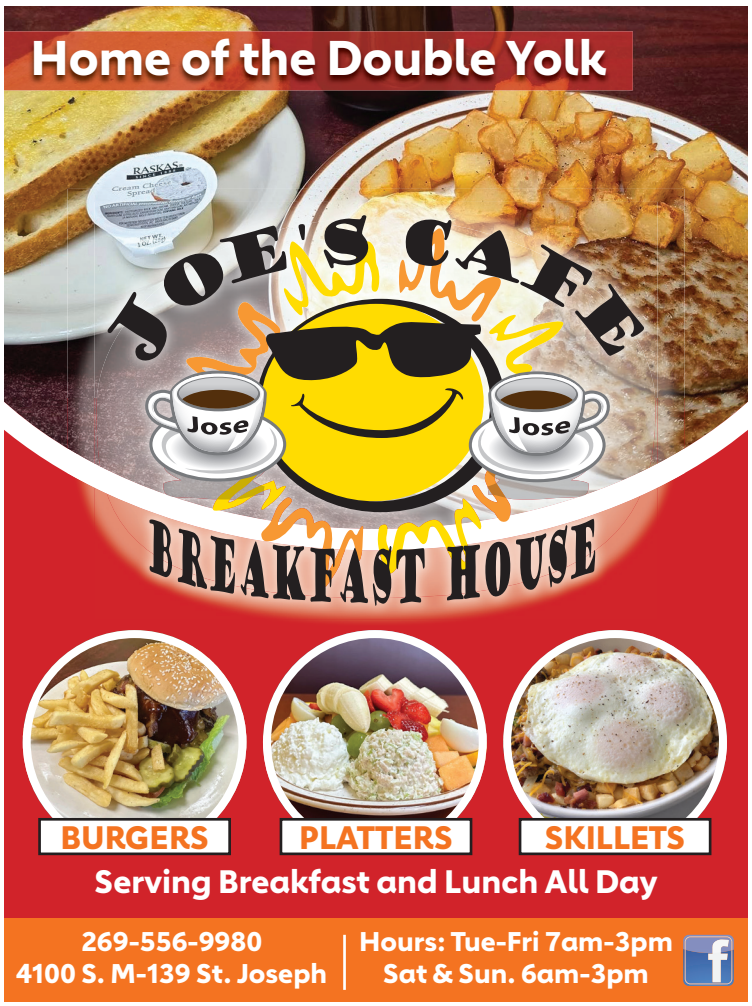

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